

Changes to Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations



SATRA, BFM & NBF are delighted to invite members to a joint industry seminar where industry experts Tristine Hargreaves (SATRA & NBF), Steve Moore (BFM) and Tom Notley (SATRA) will be discussing the anticipated new approach to the Furniture & Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations and the potential changes.

Officials from the Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) will be in attendance and will help to explain the current status of the project ahead of consultation, and Trading Standards will also be present.

This event will give members an opportunity to refresh their knowledge on the current regulations, gain an understanding of potential changes to the new regulations and hear from industry experts, giving members an excellent opportunity for networking and discussion to help prepare for the upcoming consultation.

Tristine Hargreaves (SATRA & NBF)

Tristine has worked in the furniture industry for over 27 years with experience in manufacturing, retail, importing, testing, and compliance and is currently Divisional Manager for Furniture and Floor Coverings at SATRA. Tristine provides technical support to both SATRA and NBF members and is also currently chair of BSI technical committee for 'Domestic and Contract Furniture', acting chair of BSI technical committee for

'Flammability, performance and fire tests for furniture' and member of BSI, CEN and ISO standards committees for furniture, textiles, and flammability.

Steve Moore (BFM)

Steve has worked in the furniture industry for over 30 years gaining experience with market leading UK companies in both the domestic and contract furniture markets through a wide range of senior responsibilities including Operations, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials, and Human Resources management. Working with BFM since 2011 he now undertakes a variety of project and consultancy roles as Director of Consultant Services.

Tom Notley (SATRA)

Tom has worked in the testing and quality assurance industry for over 19 years with 17 of those spent primarily in the furniture flammability sector. He currently is the resident furniture flammability expert at SATRA. He uses his wealth of experience of the practicalities of testing, and its application to furniture, mattresses and beds, to help customers achieve their goals of compliance or development of new products and technologies. As part of the BSI technical committee for 'Flammability, performance and fire tests for furniture' and as an active member of the UKTLF, he uses his insight to help shape the standards and practices of testing furniture and bedding for the future.

To secure your place at this exclusive member only event on Thursday 15th September 2022 from 10.00am to 3.00pm at SATRA, Kettering, please contact tristine.hargreaves@satra.com

Please kindly state which association you are a member of so that we can confirm active membership status before confirming your booking (SATRA, BFM or NBF).

Please note – this event will be recorded for those unable to attend, however, we would highly recommend participating in person to enable better discussion and understanding.

More dates for this seminar may also be provided if demand is high.

- 10.00 Arrival and refreshments
- 10.30 Welcome and introductions
- 10.45 Refresher training of the current standards and regulations for furniture, beds, and mattresses
- 11.30 Furniture, beds, and mattress related overview of OPSS commissioned research by BRE on “Characteristics of modern domestic fires”
- 12.00 Introduction to the new approach
- 12.15 Potential scope and essential safety requirements
- 12.45 Buffet lunch
- 13.30 Flammability & furniture testing demonstrations
- 14.00 Role of testing standards
- 14.20 Use of flame retardant chemicals
- 14.45 Discussions
- 15.00 Timescales & next steps



Further seminars are also planned to discuss the consultation content when it has officially launched, and these dates will be announced in due course.