



Department for  
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Office for Product  
Safety & Standards

# Consultation: The Fire Safety of Domestic Upholstered Furniture

## Response form

### Introduction

This consultation seeks your views on important reforms to how we regulate the fire safety of domestic upholstered furniture.

The proposals set out below reflect the policy aim to maintain a high level of fire safety while meaningfully reducing chemical flame retardant use. They reflect the large volume of stakeholder engagement and evidence gathering that has taken place over a number of years. The Government will:

- Introduce new furniture fire safety requirements based on a smoulder test.
- Pragmatic testing solutions to facilitate innovation.
- Proportionate scope adjustments.

The proposed policy remains subject to review and may change as a result of the evidence and views provided by stakeholders in response to this consultation.

Please return to: [furniturefiresafety@businessandtrade.gov.uk](mailto:furniturefiresafety@businessandtrade.gov.uk)

Closing: 23:59 on 23 June

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<b>Your Details</b>	
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<b>3. Are you responding:</b>	
As an individual? Please go to 'Consultation Questions'	
On behalf of an organisation? Please continue	X
<b>4. Name of organisation</b>	Chartered Trading Standards Institute (CTSI)
<b>5. Number of employees</b>	
1 to 9	
10 to 49	
50 to 249	X
250 or more	
<b>6. Type of organisation</b>	
Business	
Trade Association	
Test House or Laboratory	
Consumer Body	
Local Authority	
Fire and Rescue Service	
Government Body	
Other (Please specify)	Not for profit membership organisation

## Consultation Questions

1. Do you agree with the proposal to introduce reformed furniture fire safety sector legislation, based on a smoulder test?

**Agree**

**Neither agree nor disagree**

**Disagree**

You can provide comments in the space below.

2. Do you agree with the proposal to allow businesses to use composite/representative sample testing or component testing to demonstrate compliance with the new regulations?

**Agree**

**Neither agree nor disagree**

**Disagree**

You can provide comments in the space below.

3. Do you agree with the proposal to use the General Product Safety Regulations to regulate re-upholstery and repair of upholstered furniture?

**Agree**

**Neither agree nor disagree**

**Disagree**

You can provide comments in the space below.

4. Do you agree with the proposal to use the General Product Safety Regulations to regulate second-hand upholstered furniture?

**Agree**

**Neither agree nor disagree**

**Disagree**

**You can provide comments in the space below.**

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