

The Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA)

INTRODUCTION

The TSSA is an innovative, self-funded, public safety organization focused on delivering public safety services in a proactive, prevention-based manner. As a delegated administrative authority, TSSA is responsible for regulating Upholstered and Stuffed Articles under Ontario's *Technical Standards & Safety Act, 2000* (the *Act*).

While delegated by the Ministry of Government Services, TSSA funds its operating revenues from service fees paid by regulated industries. As a not-for-profit organization, TSSA reinvests in the safety systems under its regulatory jurisdiction, educating the public and helping industry tackle serious safety issues.

UPHOLSTERED AND STUFFED ARTICLES IN ONTARIO

TSSA protects the public from potential hazards relating to the use of unclean or used upholstered and stuffed articles in Ontario. Under the *Act*, TSSA's mandate is to ensure that only new, clean filling materials are used and properly labelled.

INSPECTIONS/INVESTIGATIONS

All upholstered and stuffed articles are subject to inspection at any time from manufacturing to point-of-sale. Such inspections may include routine representative sampling.

Incidents and complaints are investigated by TSSA Inspectors, who are designated as Provincial Offences Officers under the *Act*. Under Regulation, 218/01, products may be seized and submitted for testing to determine compliance.

If an issue of non-compliance occurs, TSSA Inspectors implement steps to prevent recurrence with appropriate corrective action, and may, in the greater scope of safety, prosecute individuals and companies contravening public safety legislation. Inspectors additionally issue director's orders, working to protect the public.

REGISTRATION SERVICE

Factories manufacturing upholstered and stuffed articles to be sold in Ontario are to be registered with the Upholstered & Stuffed Articles Program and affix provincial labels. This requirement impacts:

- Factories: domestic and foreign manufacturers;
- Renovators; and
- Home hobby/craft operators.

Please refer to the following forms for more details and examples on how to be in compliance. Examples of items requiring each form are list adjacent to the form. Forms are also available via <http://www.royalfair.org/exhibitor-manual-forms> Scroll down to TSSA Forms.

- Form 1 – For Furniture & Bedding (Horse Blankets)
- Form 2 – For Decorative Cushions, Misc. Items (Saddle Pads, Saddles, Backpacks)
- Form 3 – Toys, stuffed animals, wallets, purses, accessories, gloves, hats (with stuffing)
Saddles can have labels looped or attached via ribbon need not be sewn in.

If you have any article that has stuffing, you must be in compliance with this act or may be subject to fines.

If you have further questions, you may contact:
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