

AMENDMENTS

1967—Pub. L. 90-189 substituted “in transporting a product, fabric, or related material” for “with respect to an article of wearing apparel or fabric”, “product, fabric, or related material” for “article of wearing apparel or fabric” in two places, and “such product, fabric, or related material so that it conforms with applicable flammability standards issued or amended under the provisions of section 1193 of this title” for “to render such article or fabric not so highly flammable, under the provisions of section 1193 of this title, as to be dangerous when worn by individuals”.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

Functions of Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Secretary of Commerce, and Federal Trade Commission under this chapter transferred to Consumer Product Safety Commission, along with functions of Federal Trade Commission under Federal Trade Commission Act, to extent such functions relate to administration and enforcement of this chapter, see section 2079 of this title.

§ 1201. Study and investigation; research, development and training

(a) The Consumer Product Safety Commission shall conduct a continuing study and investigation of the deaths, injuries, and economic losses resulting from accidental burning of products, fabrics, or related materials.

(b) In cooperation with appropriate public and private agencies, the Commission is authorized to—

- (1) conduct research into the flammability of products, fabrics, and materials;
- (2) conduct feasibility studies on reduction of flammability of products, fabrics, and materials;
- (3) develop flammability test methods and testing devices; and
- (4) offer appropriate training in the use of flammability test methods and testing devices.

(June 30, 1953, ch. 164, §14, as added Pub. L. 90-189, §10, Dec. 14, 1967, 81 Stat. 573; amended Pub. L. 92-573, §30(b), Oct. 27, 1972, 86 Stat. 1231; Pub. L. 96-470, title I, §114, Oct. 19, 1980, 94 Stat. 2240; Pub. L. 97-35, title XII, §1211(e), Aug. 13, 1981, 95 Stat. 721; Pub. L. 110-314, title II, §204(c)(2)(B), Aug. 14, 2008, 122 Stat. 3042.)

CODIFICATION

In subsec. (a), pursuant to Pub. L. 92-573 and as amended by Pub. L. 110-314, the words “in cooperation with the Commission”, meaning the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which followed “Consumer Product Safety Commission”, have been omitted from the Code as redundant in that they would provide for the Consumer Product Safety Commission to cooperate with itself.

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2008—Pub. L. 110-314 substituted “Commission” for “Secretary of Commerce” in subsecs. (a) and (b).

1981—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 97-35 struck out provisions relating to the submission of an annual report by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to the President and to the Congress containing the results of a study and investigation.

1980—Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 96-470 struck out provision requiring the Secretary to report the results of activities under this subsection to Congress.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1981 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 97-35 effective Aug. 13, 1981, see section 1215 of Pub. L. 97-35, set out as a note under section 2052 of this title.

TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS

“Consumer Product Safety Commission” substituted for “Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare” in subsec. (a) pursuant to section 30(b) of Pub. L. 92-573, which is classified to section 2079(b) of this title and which transferred functions of Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Secretary of Commerce, and Federal Trade Commission under this chapter to Consumer Product Safety Commission.

TOXICOLOGIC RISKS OF FLAME-RETARDANT CHEMICALS IN RESIDENTIAL UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

Pub. L. 105-276, title IV, §423, Oct. 21, 1998, 112 Stat. 2510, provided that:

“(a) Within 90 days of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 21, 1998], the Consumer Product Safety Commission shall make all necessary arrangements for the Committee on Toxicology of the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to conduct an independent 12-month study of the potential toxicologic risks of all flame-retardant chemicals identified by the NAS and the Commission as likely candidates for use in residential upholstered furniture for the purpose of meeting regulations proposed by the Commission for flame resistance of residential upholstered furniture.

“(b) Upon completion of its report, the Academy shall send the report to the Commission, which shall provide it to the Congress.

“(c) The Commission, before promulgating any notice of proposed rulemaking or final rulemaking setting flammability standards for residential upholstered furniture, shall consider fully the findings and conclusions of the Academy.”

§ 1202. Exemptions

(a) Exports; risk of injury to residents of United States

This chapter shall not apply to any fabric, related material, or product which is to be exported from the United States, if such fabric, related material, or product, and any container in which it is enclosed, bears a stamp or label stating that such fabric, related material, or product is intended for export and such fabric, related material, or product is in fact exported from the United States; unless the Commission determines that exportation of such fabric, related material, or product presents an unreasonable risk of injury to persons residing within the United States; except that this chapter shall apply to any fabric, related material, or product manufactured for sale, offered for sale, or intended for shipment to any installation of the United States located outside of the United States.

(b) Imports intended for export; risk of injury to residents of United States

This chapter shall not apply to any fabric, related material, or product which is imported into the United States for dyeing, finishing, other processing, or storage in bond, and export from the United States, if such fabric, related material, or product, and any container in which it is enclosed, bears a stamp or label stating that such fabric, related material, or product is intended for export, and such fabric, related material, or product is in fact exported from the United States, unless the Commission determines that exportation of such fabric, related material, or product presents an unreasonable risk of injury to persons residing within the United States; except that this chapter shall apply to any such imported fabric, related mate-