STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1982 No. 523

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Children's Furniture (Safety) Order 1982

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The Secretary of State, in exercise of his powers under section 3(1)(*a*) and (2) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to, the Consumer Safety Act 1978(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Children's Furniture (Safety) Order 1982.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 7th April 1982 and shall cease to have effect at the expiration of a period of twelve months beginning with that date.

2. The Secretary of State is of the opinion that the risk of danger connected with the goods to which this Order relates is such that this Order must be made without delay.

3. In this Order—

"furniture" means any furniture designed or suitable for domestic use (including furniture which is intended to be assembled only after it has been supplied) other than furniture designed or intended for use wholly or mainly as a bed;

"children's furniture" means furniture that is so designed and constructed that it would normally be considered suitable for use only by a child under the age of 11 years; and

"polymeric material" means material consisting of either:

(*a*) polymers in a cellular form and characterised by recurring urethane functional groups; or

(*b*) polymers in an expanded form and characterised by recurring styrene functional groups.

(**a**) 1978 c.38.

4. No person shall supply, offer to supply, agree to supply, expose for supply or possess for supply any item of children's furniture if the material in that item of furniture includes more than 200 grammes of polymeric material.

Gerard Vaughan,
Minister of State,
Department of Trade.

6th April 1982.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order prohibits persons from supplying, offering to supply, agreeing to supply, exposing for supply or possessing for supply any item of children's furniture which contains more than 200 grammes of polyurethane foam or expanded polystyrene.

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