(12) FURNITURE

The Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) Order, 1951

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The Board of Trade in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by Regulation 55 of the Defence (General) Regulations, 1939, as having effect by virtue of the Supplies and Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945(**a**), as extended by the Supplies and Services (Extended Purposes) Act, 1947(**b**), and the Supplies and Services (Defence Purposes) Act, 1951(**c**), and continued in force by the Supplies and Services (Continuance) Order, 1951(**d**), hereby order as follows :—

1.—(1) A person shall not apply the mark shown in the Second Schedule hereto (hereinafter referred to as the "utility mark") to furniture of any description whatsoever other than furniture of a description specified in the First Schedule hereto.

(2) A person shall not apply the utility mark to furniture of a description specified in the First Schedule hereto except under the authority of a licence granted by the Board of Trade under this paragraph and in accordance with any condition attached thereto.

2.—(1) Any person who applies the utility mark to any furniture of a description specified in the First Schedule hereto shall also, and at the same time, apply to that furniture—

(*a*) the identification number notified to him by the Board of Trade for the purposes of this Order or any other Order made by the Board of Trade relating to the manufacture or marking of furniture; and

(*b*) the type symbol specified in column 1 of that Schedule in relation to that description.

(2) Any person who applies the utility mark to any furniture of a description specified in the First Schedule hereto shall apply the said mark, identification number and type symbol in accordance with the provisions of the Third Schedule hereto.

(3) A person shall not apply a type symbol specified in column 1 of the First Schedule hereto to furniture of any description whatsoever not being furniture of the description specified in that Schedule in relation to that type symbol.

3. A person shall not supply, offer to supply or advertise any furniture upon or in relation to which the word "utility" or any word resembling that word is used, but which is not utility furniture (that is to say, furniture to which the utility mark has been applied (*a*) in accordance with this Order or any other Order made by the Board of Trade or any Order made by

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 10; and S.R. & O. 1945 (No. 1618) II, p. 48.
(b) 10 & 11 Geo. 6. c. 55. (c) 14 & 15 Geo. 6. c. 25.
(d) S.I. 1951 No. 2116, p. 27 above.

the Ministry of Commerce of Northern Ireland, or (*b*) with the approval in writing of the Board of Trade or that Ministry), without taking sufficient steps to prevent the use thereof from importing directly or indirectly a reference to utility furniture.

4. A person shall not, with intent to deceive, remove, deface, conceal or obscure the utility mark, the identification number or the type symbol duly applied to any furniture.

5. A person shall not, in the course of his business, supply any article of utility furniture bearing two or more different type symbols.

6. A person shall not supply—

(*a*) a loose cushion bearing a type symbol specified in column 1 of the First Schedule hereto, except as part of an article of utility furniture of a description specified in that Schedule and bearing the same type symbol; or

(*b*) a bedstead end bearing a type symbol specified in that column, except as one of a pair of bedstead ends each bearing the same type symbol.

7.—(1) A person may, in the course of his business, use utility goods, being cloth of a description specified in relation to the specification number 7585 in the Schedule to the Household Textiles (Marking and Manufacturers' Prices) (No. 2) Order, 1951(**a**), as amended from time to time, in the manufacture of furniture, being upholstered divans, to which he intends to apply the utility mark in accordance with a licence granted under paragraph (2) of Article 1 hereof.

(2) A person may, in the course of his business, use utility goods, being cloth of a description specified in relation to—

(*a*) the specification number 110 in the Schedule to the Utility Woven Cloth (Wool and Animal Fibre) (Marking, Supply and Manufacturers' Prices) Order, 1950(**b**), as amended from time to time(**c**); or

(*b*) one of the specification numbers (whether or not preceded by the letter "Z") included in Part I or Part II of the Schedule to the Utility Upholstery Cloth Order, 1951(**d**), as amended from time to time(**e**),

in the manufacture of upholstered furniture to which he intends to apply the utility mark in accordance with a licence granted under paragraph (2) of Article 1 hereof.

8. Nothing in this Order, except Article 1, shall prohibit a person from doing, or shall require him to do, anything if he is otherwise authorised by a licence granted by the Board of Trade under this Article, provided that he complies with any condition attached to that licence.

9. A person disposing by way of liquidation of any assets of any business shall be deemed to be carrying on that business, and any licence granted in respect of that business shall have effect as if it had been granted to that person.

10.—(1) The Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) (No. 2) Order, 1950(**f**), the Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) (No. 2) (Amendment) Order, 1951(**g**), the Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 2) Order, 1951(**h**), and the Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) (No. 2) (Amendment No. 3) Order, 1951(**i**), are hereby revoked:

(a) S.I. 1951 No. 1842.
(b) S.I. 1950 (No. 608) III, p. 375.
(c) The relevant amending Order at the date of this Order is S.I. 1950 (No. 2086) III, p. 377.
(d) S.I. 1951 No. 1057.
(e) The relevant amending Order at the date of this Order is S.I. 1951 No. 1791.
(f) S.I. 1950 (No. 2046) III, p. 755.
(g) S.I. 1951 No 765.
(h) S.I. 1951 No. 1070.
(i) S.I. 1951 No. 1750.

Provided that any licence granted or having effect thereunder shall have effect as if it had been granted under this Order.

(2) This Order shall not apply to Northern Ireland.

11. This Order may be cited as the Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) Order, 1951, and shall come into operation on the 31st day of December, 1951.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1951.

Peter Thorneycroft,
President of the Board of Trade.

FIRST SCHEDULE

PART 1

Col. 1	Col. 2					
	Description					
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions			
			Carcase Width	Height including base	Height over carcase	Carcase Depth
			ft. ins.	ft. ins.	ft. ins.	ft. ins.
F.101	Wardrobe ...	Two door, split carcase.	4 0	5 9	5 6	1 9
F.102	Wardrobe ...		3 6	5 9	5 6	1 6
F.103	Wardrobe ...		3 0	5 8	5 4	1 9
F.104	Wardrobe ...		3 0	5 0	4 8	1 4
F.105	Wardrobe ...		2 0	5 8	5 4	1 4
F.111	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	With mirror ...	3 6			1 6
F.112	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	With mirror ...	3 0			1 6
F.113	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	Dressing table with mirror. Chest with or without mirror.	2 6			1 4
F.114	Dressing table or Dressing chest.	Dressing table with mirror. Chest with or without mirror.	2 0			1 4
F.121	Tallboy or Chest of drawers.		2 9	3 9		1 6
F.122	Tallboy or Chest of drawers.		2 6	2 9		1 6
F.123	Tallboy or Chest of drawers.		2 3	3 5		1 4
F.133	Pair of bedstead ends.	Fitted with bedpost brackets: Panelled or slatted.	4 0	-	-	-
F.143	Pair of bedstead ends.	Fitted with bedpost brackets: Panelled or slatted.	2 6			

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions		
			Carcase Width	Carcase Depth	
F.151	Sideboard ...		ft. ins. 4 6	ft. ins. 1 6	
F.152	Sideboard ...		4 0	1 6	
F.153	Sideboard ...		3 9	1 4	
			Complete Carcase Height	Lower Carcase	
				Carcase Width	Carcase Depth
F.154	Sideboard ...	Buffet, Court Cupboard or Welsh Dresser type.	ft. ins. 4 3	ft. ins. 4 0	ft. ins. 1 6
			Minimum Area of Table Top	Minimum Height	
F.161	Dining table ...		sq. ft. 7½	ft. ins. 2 4	
			Minimum Height of Seat	Maximum Height of Seat	
F.171	Dining chair (with arms).	Upholstered seat ...	ft. ins. 1 5	ft. ins. 1 7	
F.172	Dining chair (without arms).	Upholstered seat ...	1 5	1 7	
F.173	Dining chair (with arms).	Upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.	1 5	1 7	
F.174	Dining chair (without arms).	Upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.	1 5	1 7	
F.175	Dining chair (with arms).	Spring upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.	1 5	1 7	
F.176	Dining chair (without arms).	Spring upholstered seat and upholstered or panelled back.	1 5	1 7	
F.181	Windsor chair ...	Double bow ...			
F.182	Windsor chair ...	With arms			
F.183	Windsor chair ...	Bow back			
F.184	Kitchen chair ...				
F.185	Bentwood chair...				

PART 2

Col. 1	Col. 2			
	Description			
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions	
			Area of Fall	Carcase Width
			sq. ft.	ft. ins.
F.201	Occasional or Bedside table.			
F.211	Bedside cabinet ...			
F.221	Stool			
F.231	Bureau			2 6
F.241	Tea trolley			
F.251	Fireside curb ...			
F.261	Book case	Glazed front: not less than 8½ ft. run of enclosed book-space.		
F.265	Bureau-bookcase ...	Combination of bureau and bookcase, with not less than 4½ ft. run of enclosed glazed fronted book-space above or to one or both sides of fall.	2	2 6
F.271	Set of bookshelves	Not less than 11½ ft. run of open book-space.		
F.272	Set of bookshelves	Not less than 5½ ft. run of open book-space.		

PART 3

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions		
			Area of Table Top	Width	Carcase Depth
			sq. ft.	ft. ins.	ft. ins.
F.301	Kitchen cabinet ...	Complete		2 6	1 6
F.302	Kitchen cabinet ...	Top only		2 6	
F.303	Kitchen cabinet ...	Bottom only ...		2 6	1 6
F.304	Kitchen cabinet ...	Complete: fitted with fall-front.		2 6	1 3
F.313	Kitchen table... ...		5¼		

PART 4

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars	Minimum Dimensions		
			Overall Width	Seat Width	Seat Depth
			ft. ins.	ft. ins.	ft. ins.
F.412	Woven Fibre chair ...	With or without loose spring-upholstered seat.		1 5	1 4
F.421	Woven Fibre settee ...	With loose spring-upholstered seats.	3 6		
F.431	Cane chair				
F.451	Cane or willow cot ...				
F.461	Cane or willow cradle				
F.471	Cane or willow cradle stand.				

PART 5

Col. 1	Col. 2	
	Description	
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars
F.501	Cot	Polished or pigmented finish.
F.511	Playpen	Polished or pigmented finish.
F.521	High Chair...	Polished or pigmented finish.
F.531	Low Chair	Polished or pigmented finish.

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars			
		Frame	Seat	Arms *Grade* 1: Fully upholstered and either sprung or filled with latex foam rubber or stuffed and stitched. *Grade* 2: Fully upholstered. *Grade* 3: Show-wood or part show-wood or upholstered.	Minimum Springing
F.601	Fireside chair ...	Wood or metal	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 3	Seat.
F.602	Fireside chair ...	Wood or metal	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 3	Seat and back.
F.603	Adjustable fireside chair.	Wood or metal	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 3	Seat.
F.611	Bed chair with three loose cushions.	Wood	Slatted	Grade 3	
F.621	Nursing chair ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Arms not provided	Seat.
F.631	Wing easy chair	Wood	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 2	Seat and back.
F.632	Wing easy chair ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 3	Seat.

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
		Particulars			
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Frame	Seat	Arms *Grade* 1: Fully upholstered and either sprung or filled with latex foam rubber or stuffed and stitched. *Grade* 2: Fully upholstered. *Grade* 3: Show-wood or part show-wood or upholstered.	Minimum Springing
F.641	Easy chair ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 3	Seat and back.
F.651	Settee (2 seats) ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with two loose seat cushions.	Grade 3	Seat and back.
F.652	Settee (3 seats) ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with three loose seat cushions.	Grade 3	Seat and back.
F.661	Easy chair ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 1	Seat and back.
F.671	Settee (2 seats) ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with two loose seat cushions.	Grade 1	Seat and back.
F.672	Settee (3 seats) ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with three loose seat cushions.	Grade 1	Seat and back.
F.681	Bed settee ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with two loose seat cushions.	Grade 3	Seat.
F.691	Bed settee ...	Wood	Fully upholstered or with two loose seat cushions.	Grade 2	Seat.

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars			
		Frame	Seat	Arms *Grade* 1: Fully upholstered and either sprung or filled with latex foam rubber or stuffed and stitched. *Grade* 2: Fully upholstered.	Minimum Springing
F.732	Wing easy chair	Metal	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 2	Seat and back.
F.742	Easy chair ...	Metal	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 2	Seat and back.
F.753	Settee (2 seats) ...	Metal	Fully upholstered or with two loose seat cushions.	Grade 2	Seat and back.
F.754	Settee (3 seats) ...	Metal	Fully upholstered or with three loose seat cushions.	Grade 2	Seat and back.
F.762	Easy chair ...	Metal	Fully upholstered or with one loose seat cushion.	Grade 1	Seat and back.
F.773	Settee (2 seats) ...	Metal	Fully upholstered or with two loose seat cushions.	Grade 1	Seat and back.
F.774	Settee (3 seats) ...	Metal	Fully upholstered or with three loose seat cushions.	Grade 1	Seat and back.

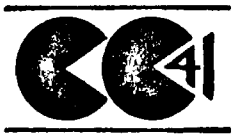
PART 8

Col. 1	Col. 2				
	Description				
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars			Minimum Overall Width
		Frame	Provision of Headboard	Type of Edges *Grade* 1: Edges sprung or stuffed and stitched. *Grade* 2: Firm, stuffed edges.	
					ft. ins.
F.801	Upholstered Divan	Wood	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 2	4 0
F.802	Upholstered Divan	Wood	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 1	4 0
F.811	Upholstered Divan	Wood	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 2	2 6
F.812	Upholstered Divan	Wood	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 1	2 6
F.821	Upholstered Divan	Metal	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 1	4 0
F.822	Upholstered Divan	Metal	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 2	4 0
F.831	Upholstered Divan	Metal	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 1	2 6
F.832	Upholstered Divan	Metal	Wood or metal optional ...	Grade 2	2 6

Col. 1	Col. 2							
	Description							
Type Symbol	Type of Article	Particulars				Minimum Overall Dimensions		
		Frame	Provision of wood or metal headboard	Type of Springing	Provision of woven wire mesh over springs	Length	Width	Carcase Depth
						ft. ins.	ft. ins.	ft. ins.
F.901	Unupholstered divan	Metal	Optional				4 0	
F.911	Unupholstered divan	Metal	Optional				2 6	
F.921	Spring mattress	Metal		Spiral spring	Optional	5 7½	3 11½	
F.922	Spring mattress	Wood		Spiral spring	Optional	5 7½	3 11½	
F.931	Spring mattress	Metal		Spiral spring or link and spring	Optional	5 7½	2 5½	
F.932	Spring mattress	Wood		Spiral spring	Optional	5 7½	2 5½	
F.941	Pair of bedstead ends	Metal					4 0	
F.951	Pair of bedstead ends	Metal					2 6	
F.961	Bed-cabinet with metal action ...	Wood					2 9	1 6
F.971	Short length spring mattress ...	Metal		Diamond mesh		4 6	2 5½	

SECOND SCHEDULE

THE UTILITY MARK



THIRD SCHEDULE

PART I

APPLICATION OF THE UTILITY MARK, THE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND THE TYPE SYMBOL

1. The utility mark, the identification number and the type symbol shall be applied in such a manner that they are readily visible.

2. The utility mark and the identification number shall be applied to furniture of any description specified in Column 1 of the table set out in Part II of this Schedule in the place and in the manner specified in Column 2 and Column 3 respectively of that table in relation to that description.

3. A person who applies the utility mark and the identification number by means of a stamp shall apply them by means of a stamp approved by or on behalf of the Board of Trade for that purpose.

4. Where the utility mark and the identification number are applied by means of a label or transfer, the dimensions of the mark shall not be less than the dimensions of the mark shown in the Second Schedule and the identification number shall be applied immediately under the utility mark in figures not less than 1/8 inch in height.

5. Where the utility mark and the identification number are applied by means of a label, that label shall be of durable material and shall be securely sewn on to the furniture or applied to it by means of gimp pins.

6. The type symbol of furniture of any description shall be applied immediately below the identification number in letters and figures not less than 1/8 inch in height. Where the utility mark and the identification number are applied by means of a stamp, the type symbol shall be applied by means of a similar stamp or in indelible ink by means of a rubber stamp. Where the utility mark and the identification number are applied by means of a label or transfer, the type symbol shall be applied in like manner by means of a label or transfer, as the case may be.

PART II
TABLE

Col. 1 Description of Furniture	Col. 2 Place of Application	Col. 3 Manner of Application
Wardrobe ... ... Dressing table ... ... Dressing chest ... ... Tallboy ... ... Chest of drawers ... Bed-cabinet ... ... Sideboard ... ... Kitchen cabinet ... Bureau ... ... Bureau-bookcase ... Bedside cabinet ... Bookcase	On back of article (outside) in top right-hand corner.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Dining table ... ... Bedside table ... ... Occasional table ... Kitchen table ... ... Tea trolley	Centre of underside of top.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Set of bookshelves ...	Centre of underside of top shelf.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Pair of bedstead ends (wood)	On outside of head end in top right-hand corner and in any visible position on foot end.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Stool ... ... Dining Chair	(*a*) Inside surface of any seat rail, if visible; or (*b*) Centre of bottom cover.	(*a*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*b*) Label.
Windsor chair ... ... Kitchen chair	(*a*) Back edge of seat; or (*b*) Centre of underside of seat.	(*a*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*b*) Stamp impressed into the wood.
High chair ... ... Low chair	Centre of underside of seat.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Bentwood chair ...	Underside of front seat bend.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Fireside curb	Centre of underside.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Cot ... ... Playpen	Inside of any lower framing rail.	Stamp impressed into the wood.
Cane chair	Centre of bowed seat stretcher.	Transfer.
Woven fibre chair ... Woven fibre settee ...	Inside of front seat board or front seat rail.	Stamp impressed into the wood.

Col. 1 Description of Furniture	Col. 2 Place of Application	Col. 3 Manner of Application
Cane cot ... ... Cane cradle ... ... Cane cradle stand ...	(*a*) Underside of base board (if any); or (*b*) On base frame.	(*a*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*b*) Transfer.
Bed chair	(*a*) Underside of front rail; and (*b*) On back border of loose cushions.	(*a*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*b*) Label.
Fireside chair ... Easy chair ... ... Wing easy chair ... Nursing chair ...	(*a*) Underside of front rail, if visible; or (*b*) Centre of bottom cover; and (*c*) On back border of loose seat cushion (if any).	(*a*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*b*) Label; (*c*) Label.
Settee ... ... Bed settee	(*a*) Underside of front rail, if visible; or (*b*) Centre of bottom cover; and (*c*) On back border of loose seat cushions (if any).	(*a*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*b*) Label; (*c*) Label.
Pair of bedstead ends (metal)	Any visible position on head end and on foot end.	Transfer.
Spring mattress ...	Any visible position.	Transfer.
Upholstered divan ...	(*a*) On bottom cover; and (*b*) On back of wooden headboard (if any); or (*c*) On back of metal headboard (if any).	(*a*) Label; (*b*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*c*) Transfer.
Unupholstered divan	(*a*) On frame in any visible position; and (*b*) On back of wooden headboard (if any); or (*c*) On back of metal headboard (if any).	(*a*) Transfer; (*b*) Stamp impressed into the wood; (*c*) Transfer.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order supersedes the Utility Furniture (Marking and Supply) (No. 2) Order, 1950, as amended.

The principal change is the revision of the descriptions of furniture specified in the First Schedule in relation to type symbols F.154, F.183, F.184 and F.931.