The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. Party to Agreement notifying: UNITED KINGDOM

2. Agency responsible: Department of Trade and Industry

3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [], 2.6.1 [X], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading:

   New domestic upholstered furniture, including children's furniture. Also
garden furniture containing upholstery, furniture and beds built into towing and
static caravans, beds, sofa-beds and convertibles, children's beds, cots, carry-cots
and prams. In addition, cushions and pillows, and loose covers for

5. Title: The Draft Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988

6. Description of content: The draft Regulations propose new flammability requirements
   for filling materials and covering fabrics.

   In particular, they will prohibit the supply of furniture containing standard
and high resilience grades of polyurethane foam. Combustion-modified foam will be
the only permitted foam filling, and there will also be fire resistance requirements
for other filling materials. A match ignition test will be introduced for covering
fabrics.

7. Objective and rationale: To reduce the number of deaths and injuries resulting from
domestic fires involving upholstered furniture.


9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: July 1988

10. Final date for comments:

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: