Due to a shortage of standard reference material (SRM) cigarettes, the CPSC’s Office of Compliance and Field Operations (Compliance) implemented an Interim Enforcement Policy for mattress pads subject to 16 C.F.R. Part 1632 – Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads. Similarly, in 2006, there was also a reduced testing requirement issued for mattress testing.

For an interim time, CPSC Compliance will allow mattress pad manufacturers to reduce testing from six mattress pad surfaces to two mattress pad surfaces for each new prototype that is tested to the Standard, due to lack of available SRM cigarettes needed for testing. Although testing six surfaces is required in the Standard, a reduction to two surfaces will still provide useful safety testing to confirm if smoldering ignition meets the requirements of the standard. A prototype will be accepted if the char lengths of the 18 individual cigarettes are not more than 2 inches in any direction from the nearest point of the cigarette on two mattress pad surfaces. This requirement is applicable to bare surface and sheeted surface requirements. The Interim Enforcement Policy for Mattresses continues to be in effect for mattress prototypes.

In addition, Compliance will no longer require the use of only unopened packages of SRM cigarettes for each series of tests (16 C.F.R. § 1632.4(b)(3)). Relaxing this requirement will allow partial packs (or leftovers from prior testing) of SRM cigarettes to be used when conducting the tests to maximize the limited available supply.

Effective Date
This policy became effective on November 1, 2018, and will remain in effect until further notice. The CPSC is continuing to monitor the availability of the SRM and may revert or change this policy with at least 30 days’ notice.

Additional Information
https://origin.prod.cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/Mattress_Pads_Interim_Policy.pdf?Zv6uFA5izDfyYfCsl6SsglANfRz_UTs

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