



Stuffed Toy Licensing and Labeling Laws of US and Canada

Stuffed toys and dolls for the states of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio of the US shall conform to the stuffed toy licensing and labeling laws.

US - PENNSYLVANIA

Since 1961, stuffed toys and dolls for the state of Pennsylvania should comply with the *Stuffed Toys Act and Regulations*. The requirements are as follows:

Labeling Requirements

Manufacturers must submit detailed information about filler content of their stuffed toys, and specimens of such toys selected at random, and pay the license fee (US\$25 initial registration and US\$25 annual renewal) to Pennsylvania licensing authorities.

A label detailing the following information shall be affixed to the toy. There is no color, size or type requirements with respect to the label, provided it is legible and can be readily discerned.

1. A statement that "All New Material" or "All New (type) Material" was used in the manufacture of the stuffed toys.
2. The manufacturer's registration number assigned by Pennsylvania licensing authorities preceded by the abbreviations "REG.NO.PA" (the registered name and address of the manufacturer alone cannot be used). No person other than the one granted a given registration, or his designated agent, shall use the registration number.

Quality and Safety Requirements

The regulation provides that stuffed toys are "unfit for sale" if they contain:

1. Material of sufficient size to visibly reveal a pattern, weave or other mechanical unification of threads to indicate prior use of a previous manufacturing process.
2. Dirt and/or other foreign matter in excess of one percent (1%) by weight.
3. More than one percent (1%) oil or grease.
4. More than 0.002% lead as (Pb) - (20 parts per million).
5. More than 0.0002% arsenic - (2 parts per million).
6. More than 5.0% ammonia.
7. More than 1.0% urea.
8. Plastic or metal ornaments such as eyes, nose, etc., not of a safe design or not attached to the stuffed toys in such manner as to prevent removal.
9. Stones or other hard materials having jagged or sharp edges.
10. Material bearing electrostatic charge with adherence characteristics which when exposed could lodge in the windpipe, ears or nostrils.
11. Filing material which surface burns at a rate of less than three (3) seconds for twelve (12) square inches...

Registration Requirements for Foreign Manufacturers

1. The manufacturer may register directly with the Department at the foreign manufacturer's location. This is identical to the requirement for domestic manufacturers, or
2. An importer may hold a stuffed toy registration on behalf of each foreign manufacturer represented. The Department does not permit "pooling" of registrations.



Manufacturer should note that registration of each plant of domestic manufacturers is not necessary but that each foreign manufacturer should be separately registered. A domestic manufacturer who has product manufactured abroad for it and who supplies designs or materials to the foreign source also need not register the foreign plant.

In addition, registration of foreign plants is necessary only if the foreign manufacturer sells products totally made from its own design to the American importer.

For any further information, please contact

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US - MASSACHUSETTS

License Fee

US\$100 initial registration
US\$100 annual renewal

Labeling Requirements

The following information shall appear on the manufacturer's label:

1. Name and principal place of business (City and State) of the manufacturer; or at the option of the manufacturer, the manufacturer's Massachusetts license number.
2. The statement "All New Material" (with type of material) or "All New (type) Material" was used in the manufacture of the toy.
3. The form, design, color or size of labels is left to the manufacturer's discretion, provided the information and type size is legible. No special method of affixing labels (string tags would suffice) is required. The information must be "clearly visible" so that, if the label is beneath doll's clothing, the required information must appear on the box.
4. All labels required by this law shall be securely attached to the article during the process of manufacture at the factory. Such labels shall be fixed in such position that they may be conveniently examined.

For any further information, please contact:

Department of Public Health
Food and Drug Division
Furniture & Bedding Inspection Section
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US - OHIO

License Fee

The regulations of the Division of Bedding and Upholstered Furniture of the Ohio Department of Industrial Relations require that manufacturers of stuffed toys pay an annual fee of US\$50 and file quarterly reports accompanied by a tax of four (4) cents per item sold in the State of Ohio in the preceding quarter (effective July 1, 1989).

Labeling Requirements

A label securely affixed to the stuffed toy or doll which contains the following:

1. The registered name and address of the manufacturer or importer.
2. At the option of the manufacturer or importer, the license number assigned to registrants by the State of Ohio which shall be the registered license number of the manufacturer or importer in any other state in which he is registered; and
3. A statement that "All New Material" (with type of material) or "All New (type) Material" was used in the manufacture of the stuffed toy.
The form, design, color or size of the label is left to the discretion of the manufacturer or importer, provided that the information required on the label is clearly legible and in sufficient size type so that it can be readily discerned. The label must be affixed to the stuffed toy itself.

Requirements for Registration Numbers

1. It is the requirement of the State of Ohio that the manufacturer's registration number be preceded by the name of the state issuing the registration number and be followed by the abbreviated name of the state in which the plant is located.
2. If you are requesting recognition of a uniform registration number, be sure to provide the complete registration number along with a copy of the license issued from the issuing state. The abbreviation of the plant location must be noted as a suffix to the registration number if the location is different than the issuing state.
3. If you are requesting the issuance of an Ohio registration number provide the location of the state in which the plant is located if it is outside the state of Ohio.
4. Each license registration number is plant location specific. If you are using more than one plant in different states, you will need more than one license and registration number requiring additional license fees.
5. When applying for more than one registration number, due to different state plant locations the registration number issued will be the same except that the suffixes will be abbreviated to represent each different state plant location.
6. If you are using overseas plant locations, the above applies as well.

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US - UNIFORM LABEL FOR STUFFED TOYS

It is possible for manufacturers to utilize a uniform stuffed toys label which is good in all three states (Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio) that require the licensing of stuffed toy manufacturers and the labeling of stuffed toys. The uniform label, to be effective for all States, should contain the following information.

1. The Pennsylvania license number of the manufacturer or vendor. [Note that because Pennsylvania requires a Pennsylvania license number to be on the label and does not accept the use of the name and address of the manufacturer or the use of any other State's licensing number, the uniform label must utilize the Pennsylvania license number.] **Ohio and Massachusetts will accept the use of a Pennsylvania toy registration number if that Pennsylvania number is registered within these states and their fees are paid.**
2. The name and principal place of business (City and State) of the manufacturer or vendor.
3. A statement that "All new Material" (with type of material) or "All New (type) Material" was used in the manufacture of the stuffed toy.

There is no color, size or type requirement for the UNIFORM LABEL provided the print is legible and can be readily discerned. The label must be affixed to the stuffed toy itself.

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CANADA – ONTARIO

Upholstered and stuffed articles like furniture, bedding and toys sold in Ontario Canada shall comply with the *Ontario Regulation 218/01 for Upholstered and Stuffed Articles* under the Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000.

The regulation requires that the manufacturer, renovator, home hobby or craft operator is registered with the Technical Standards & Safety Authority. Importers, distributors, retailers and agents are not eligible for registration.

License Fees

Manufacturer:	CAN\$400 annually
Renovator:	CAN\$85 annually
Home hobby or craft operator:	CAN\$20 annually

Labeling Requirements

All upholstered and stuffed articles offered for sale in Ontario must bear a label in a prescribed format:

1. Labels must be securely affixed to the article;
2. Labels should be in a conspicuous location so consumers can easily read the contents of the article;
3. Labels must be made of a white durable fabric or synthetic material. Paper is not acceptable;
4. Printing must be in black ink;
5. Filling materials must be declared by generic name;
6. If multiple fillings are used, the label must disclose in descending order the largest volume of filling first.

Approved label formats for furniture and bedding products (Form 1), clothing and miscellaneous articles (Form 2), toys and smaller articles (Form 3) are shown for reference only.



Form 1

Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000

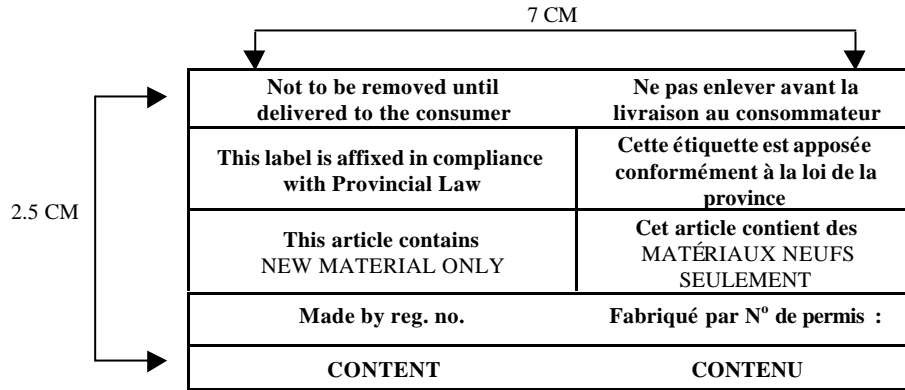
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OPTIONAL	CARE LABELLING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTARY LABELLING ÉTIQUETAGE D' ENTRETIEN ET/OU ÉTIQUETAGE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE	
	Not to be removed until delivered to the consumer Ne pas enlever avant la livraison au consommateur	
9 CM	This article contains NEW MATERIAL ONLY Cet article contient des MATÉRIAUX NEUFS SEULEMENT	
	This label is affixed in compliance with Provincial Law Cette étiquette est apposée conformément à la loi de la province	
	Made by reg. No.	Fabriqué par N° de permis :
	Content	Contenu
	Federal Requirement/Exigence fédérale	
OPTIONAL	SUPPLEMENTARY AND/OR OTHER JURISDICTIONS INFORMATION INFORMATIONS SUPPLÉMENTAIRES ET/OU D' AUTRES AUTORITÉS	



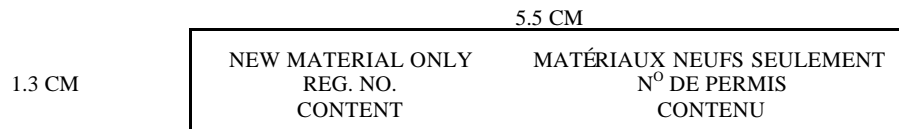
Form 2

Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000



Form 3

Technical Standards and Safety Act, 2000



For further information, please contact :

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