

FFR Consultation

RoSPA response

Dear Mr Edge,

I am writing on behalf of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in respect of the above consultation.

ROSPA supports the new specification which will change the required test filling material in the match test from a non-fire retardant polyurethane foam to a combustion-modified foam.

Whilst we note that BIS believes this can result in a reduction of up to 50% of flame retardant chemicals often currently used to meet this test, our primary concerns are focused on how protected the public are by the regulations. Of course, if through the utilisation of new and existing technologies which the changes will make viable, there could be a 100% reduction then we would welcome this.

ROSPA also agrees that it seems sensible to exclude most cover fabrics from the cigarette test requirement (on the grounds that any fabric which passes the match test will also pass the cigarette test).

ROSPA is of the opinion that if no reductions to public safety are foreseen by these changes, and that businesses can be supported through savings, then these changes are supported.

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The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents

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