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CPSC Publishes Notice of Proposed Rulemaking within Federal Register for Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses

On October 26, 2020, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) staff published within the Federal Register a Notice of Proposed Rulemakings for a Safety Standard for Crib Mattresses (16 CFR 1241).

Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA), requires the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) to promulgate consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. These standards are to be ‘‘substantially the same as’’ applicable voluntary standards or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission concludes that more stringent requirements would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The Commission is proposing a safety standard for Crib Mattresses in response to the direction under Section 104(b) of the CPSIA.

According to the NPR, this final rule will apply toward full-size crib mattresses, non-full-size crib mattresses, and after-market-market mattresses for play yards and non-full-size cribs.

The NPR recommends adopting ASTM F2933-19, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Crib Mattresses* as mandatory with modifications. The modifications include editorial changes, clarifications, and the adoption of tests to address potential (1) suffocation hazards, (2) entrapment hazards associated with poor mattress fit from compression by sheets, (3) entrapment hazards associated with after-market non-full-size crib mattresses for rectangular products that lack dimensional requirements, (4) laceration hazards associated with coils/springs that can break and poke through a mattress and (5) improved labeling format and specific warnings to address SIDS and suffocation related to infant positioning, soft bedding, and gap entrapment.

The Commission also intends to amend the consumer registration rule, 16 CFR 1130, to identify crib mattresses as durable infant or toddler products thus requiring consumer registration cards for crib mattresses.

Once a Final Rule is approved and published in the Federal Register, the tentative effective date will be six months from the date of publication within the Federal Register.

Public comments on the Crib Mattress NPR may be submitted up to January 11, 2021.

Additional Information
To view the NPR for Crib Mattresses: https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/10/26/2020-22558/safety-standard-for-crib-mattresses

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