Frequently Asked Questions for Mattress and Bedding

What law governs the sale of bedding in Colorado?

25-5-301 CRS, or the Bedding Act (add hyperlink)

Is certification or registration required for the sale of bedding materials in Colorado?

No. Colorado requires approved labeling, legibly stamped or printed in English, to be securely sewn onto bedding prior to sale. The label shall include the name and address of the manufacturer or vendor and the name of the materials used to fill the article of bedding.

Law labels meeting the requirements of 16 CFR Part 1633.12 are more than adequate in Colorado.

What types of articles require approved labels in Colorado?

The Bedding Act requires approved labels on all bedding. Bedding is defined as, "any quilted pad, packing pad, mattress pad, hammock pad, mattress, comforter, bunk quilt, sleeping bag, box spring, studio couch, pillow, or cushion, any bag or container made of leather, cloth, or any other material, or any other device that is stuffed or filled in whole or in part with any concealed material in addition to the structural units and filling material used therein and its container, all of which can be used by any human being for sleeping or reclining purposes."

This DOES include mattresses, foundations, futon, bed pillows, comforters, cushions, reclining chairs, sofas/loveseats and upholstered dual purpose furniture.

This DOES NOT include decorative pillows, dining room chairs, stuffed toys, exercise equipment cushions, bulk filling material or upholstered headboards.

Can secondhand bedding be sold in Colorado?

Yes. Secondhand bedding must be treated using an approved method of disinfection prior to sale AND must also be labeled, in English, with the phrase, "This mattress (or other bedding material) is secondhand."

Can secondhand materials be used to manufacture mattresses and bedding materials?

Yes, the materials must first be treated using an approved method of disinfection and the mattress or bedding must be labeled, in English, with the following statement, "The materials used in the manufacture of this mattress (or other article of bedding) are previously used materials and have been disinfected."

What methods of disinfection are approved for mattresses and bedding?

1. Heat treatment reaching a temperature of 200° F for two (2) hours, or

2. An EPA registered disinfectant approved for use on porous surfaces such as mattresses or bedding according to EPA labeling. Two examples of approved bedding disinfectants are: Microban X-580 Institutional Spray (EPA Registration # 70263-3) and Steri-Fab (EPA Registration # 397-13)