STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1993 No. 207

CONSUMER PROTECTION

The Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1993

Made - - - - 8th February 1993
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Whereas the Secretary of State has, in accordance with section 11(5) of the Consumer Protection Act 1987(1), consulted such organisations as appear to him to be representative of interests substantially affected by these Regulations and such other persons as he considers appropriate;

Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 11 of the said Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) (Amendment) Regulations 1993 and shall come into force on 1st March 1993.
- **2.** Regulation 14 of the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988(**2**) shall have effect subject to the following amendments—
 - (a) in paragraph (1), at the beginning of that paragraph, there shall be inserted the words "Subject to paragraph (1A) below"; and
 - (b) the following new paragraph shall be inserted after paragraph (1):

"(1A) Until 31st December 1996 paragraph (2) below does not apply to any furniture which is hired out at the same time as and in connection with the letting of accommodation if that furniture has, before being so hired out, been hired out in connection with the letting of the same accommodation."

Denton of Wakefield
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department of Trade and Industry

8th February 1993

⁽**1**) 1987 c. 43

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1988/1324, as amended by S.I. 1989/2358.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Furniture and Furnishings (Fire) (Safety) Regulations 1988 ("the 1988 Regulations") so as to disapply the provisions of the 1988 Regulations in so far as they impose requirements in relation to second-hand furniture which is hired out at the same time as and in connection with the letting of accommodation until 31st December 1996 (regulation 2(b)).

As from 1st January 1997 such furniture must satisfy the requirements of the 1988 Regulations in relation to upholstery and filling material and certain requirements relating to permanent covers (subject to specified exceptions) (regulations 5, 6 and 8(1) to (3) of the 1988 Regulations).