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Topic: Use of the State of California Technical Bulletins 129 and 133

This document is to confirm that the use of the State of California Technical Bulletins 129 and 133 is in compliance with the Uniform Code.

Sections 805.1.1.2, 805.2.1.2, and 805.4.1.2 of the International Fire Code (2015 IFC) require that *'newly introduced upholstered furniture shall have limited rates of heat release when tested in accordance with ASTM E 1537 or California Technical Bulletin 133'* in occupancy Groups I-1, I-2 and R-2 respectively.

Per Chapter 80 of the 2015 IFC, the 1991 edition of the California Technical Bulletin 133 titled *'Flammability Test Procedure for Seating Furniture for Use in Public Occupancies'* is referenced.

Sections 805.1.2.2, 805.2.2.2, 805.3.2.2.1, and 805.4.2.2 of the 2015 IFC similarly require that *'Newly introduced mattresses shall have limited rates of heat release when tested in accordance with ASTM E 1590 or California Technical Bulletin 129'* in occupancy Groups I-1, I-2, I-3 and R-2 respectively.

Per Chapter 80 of the 2015 IFC, the 1992 edition of California Technical Bulletin 129 titled *'Flammability Test Procedure for Mattresses for Use in Public Buildings'* is referenced.

Provided compliance is shown to the satisfaction of the Authority Having Jurisdiction, both of these reference standards are acceptable alternatives to the ASTM referenced standards noted above (ASTM E 1537 and E 1590). It is the choice of the applicant and, where applicable, their design professional to show compliance with either the California Technical Bulletins or the ASTM standards.

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¹ The "Code Effective Date" for this Technical Bulletin is October 31, 2017, which is the effective date of the current version of the New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (the Uniform Code).

² The 2015 International Fire Code (2015 IFC) is a publication incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR Part 1225. The 2017 Uniform Code Supplement is a publication incorporated by reference in 19 NYCRR Parts 1219 through 1228. The 2015 IFC as amended by the 2017 Uniform Code Supplement is part of the Uniform Code.