

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SLOVAK REPUBLIC</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Slovak Ministry of Health Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Wooden furniture, wooden furniture for offices, wooden furniture for kitchens, wooden furniture for bedrooms, and other wooden furniture, mattresses made of foam rubber or expanded plastics, mattresses made of other materials
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: STN 91 0015:1990 Furniture. Upholstered Furniture. Basic Regulations. Amendment 1. (2 pages, in Slovak)
6.	Description of content: The Standard STN 91 0015:1990 is amended as follows: Article 22: All materials used for above-mentioned products are required to be hygienically sound. They have to comply with the requirements related to the inflammability of upholstery. The composition of the materials used for these products has to meet following requirement: the formaldehyde emissions measured by chamber method in accordance with the Slovak Standard STN 49 0030 must not exceed 0.035 mg.m ⁻³ in furniture destined for bedrooms, childrooms, schools and hospitals, and 0.050 mg.m ⁻³ in furniture destined for kitchens, living rooms and offices. Upon placing the inflammable source (lighted cigarette) to the upholstery, the fire must not be spread, it has to extinguish spontaneously within 60 minutes, or the smouldered area must not be larger than 50 cm ² .

6.	<p>Description of content (cont'd):</p> <p>Article 26: The furniture structure has to enable noiseless use, and the product must comply with technical requirements for safety given in related Slovak standards. In case of air-tight material, the product has to be furnished with the vents.</p> <p>Article 42: Mechanical and physical properties are tested in accordance with the Slovak Standards STN 49 0030, STN 91 0222, STN 91 0223, STN 91 0231, and STN ISO 8191-1.</p>
7.	Objective and rationale: Protection of the users' health
8.	<p>Relevant documents: Slovak Standards: STN 49 0030, STN 91 0222, STN 91 0223, STN 91 0231, STN ISO 8191-1.</p> <p>Adoption announcement will be published in Vestník UNMS SR (Official Journal).</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption: }</p> <p>Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 September 1997</p>
10.	Final date for comments: 30 June 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: