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Standard Consumer Safety Performance Specification for Infant Bedding and Related Accessories¹

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INTRODUCTION

This consumer safety performance specification addresses incidents associated with infant bedding and related accessories that were reported to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). These incident reports involved entanglement or strangulation on decorative ribbons, bumper guard ties, wall hangings, fitted sheets, and threads resulting from unraveled seams. It also addresses potential suffocation on decorative pillows placed in cribs.

In response to the incident data developed by the CPSC, this consumer safety performance specification attempts to minimize the problems listed above. This effort is accomplished through the establishment of performance requirements and warning labels for infant bedding and accessories. This specification cannot prevent incidents that occur as the result of unforeseeable abuse and misuse.

NOTE—This consumer safety performance specification is not intended to address incidents and injuries resulting from the interaction of other persons with children using these products or the incidents resulting from unforeseeable abuse and misuse.

This consumer safety performance specification has been written based on current state-of-the-art softgoods technology. This consumer safety performance specification will be updated whenever substantive information becomes available.

1. Scope

1.1 This consumer safety specification establishes safety performance requirements, test methods, and requirements for labeling to minimize the identified hazards to children presented by infant bedding and related accessories as identified in the introduction.

1.2 No infant bedding or related accessory produced after the approval date of the consumer safety performance specification shall indicate, either by label or other means, compliance with this specification unless it conforms to all applicable requirements contained herein.

1.3 The inspection and test procedures contained herein shall be used to determine the conformance of products to the requirements of this consumer safety performance specification. The relevant tests for an infant bedding product or related accessory can be done in any order, except where specified. Each test may be conducted on a different sample, unless otherwise specified. The tests can be considered as qualification tests and not necessarily as quality control tests. These tests shall also be conducted when there is a design or material change in the infant bedding or related accessory item. Each

producer or distributor who represents any products as conforming to this specification may utilize statistically based sampling plans that are appropriate and shall keep such essential records as are necessary to document that all of the requirements of this specification have been met. Any test methods that are made mandatory by the CPSC, or any applicable governmental agencies, shall supersede any applicable test methods in this specification.

1.4 These tests are intended to simulate normal use conditions, so as to ensure that hazards are not generated through normal use. The tests shall be carried out in a normal use environment. For example, bumper guards should be secured in a crib as a customer would in actual end use situations. Ties should be tied and untied. While no specific requirements are defined here, the evaluator shall perform enough testing to simulate normal use during the estimated lifetime of the product. The infant bedding product or related accessory shall be inspected after such tests and shall be evaluated according to the relevant requirements listed within this specification.

1.5 The values stated in inch-pound units are to be regarded as the standard. The values given in parentheses are for information only.

1.6 The following safety hazards caveat pertains only to the test method portion, Section 7, of this consumer safety performance specification: *This standard does not purport to address*

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