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THE TRADE ACT

THE TRADE (WOODEN FURNITURE CONTROL) ORDER, 2004

In exercise of the power conferred on the Minister by section 8 of the Trade Act, and of every other power hereunto enabling, the following Order is hereby made:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Trade (Wooden Furniture Control) Order, 2004.
2. In this Order, "Wooden Furniture" means products made from solid wood and wood derivatives, combination of these and/or other materials.
3. No person shall manufacture, import, sell or offer for sale any wooden furniture, which does not comply with the requirements specified in paragraph 4.
4. A person who manufactures, imports, sells, intends to sell or offers for sale any wooden furniture, shall ensure that each piece of such wooden furniture is clearly marked with the following:
 - (a) Name and local street address of the manufacturer and/or supplier.

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- (b) Type of material e.g. wood: cedar, guango, mahogany, etc.; the species of the wood used shall be specified.

For upholstered furniture, the types of material used shall be specified.

- (c) Type of finish.
- (d) Precautionary note for general usage and care e.g. 'Do not scrape, scratch or score'; 'clean with soap and water only'; 'protect from cosmetics and alcohol'; 'not heat resistant'.
5. (a) All labels shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed. All required information shall be in legible, unambiguous English.
- (b) All labels shall be securely affixed to the furniture by whatever method the manufacturer and /or supplier chooses.
6. (a) All wood used in the construction of furniture, including upholstered type shall be dried to a moisture content of not more than twelve percent (12 %).
- (b) All wood joints shall be well fitted and securely fastened.
- (c) The exposed surfaces of all wood and plywood shall be sealed to minimize movement (except for items not finished with sealer, but with other types of finishes).
- (d) All wood and plywood components with a laminated plastic face, shall have a laminated plastic sheet or seal coat of appropriate thickness applied to the reverse side to balance and stabilize the substrate.
7. All testing for strength and durability of wooden furniture shall comply with the respective standards set out in the Schedule.
8. The Bureau of Standards established by section 3 of the Standards Act, is the body designated for such inspection and testing as is necessary in order to ensure compliance with this Order.
9. A person who contravenes paragraphs 4 to 7 commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction before a Resident Magistrate to a fine not exceeding Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (J\$500,000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding twenty-four (24) months.

SCHEDULE

(Paragraph 7)

Standards

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| BS 4875-1 | Strength and stability of furniture. Requirements for the strength and durability of the structure of domestic and contract seating |
| BS 4875-5 | Strength and stability of furniture. Requirements for strength, durability and stability of tables and trolleys for domestic and contract use. |
| BS 4875-7 | Strength and stability of furniture. Methods for determination of stability and durability of storage furniture. |
| BS 4875-8 | Strength and stability of furniture. Methods for determination of stability of non-domestic storage furniture. |
| BSEN 1022 | Domestic furniture. Seating. Determination of stability |
| BSEN 1730 | Domestic furniture. Tables. Test methods for determination of strength, durability and stability. |
| JS 1 Part 11 | The labelling of commodities. Part 11: Labelling of furniture. |

NOTE: In this Schedule:

BS means British Standards

BSEN means British Standard European Norm

Dated this 14th day of July, 2004.

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