

# Furniture trade bodies back call to reduce flame retardant use

## EU asked to harmonise fire safety regulations

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European trade bodies, representing the furniture, bedding, building and woodworking industries, have called for action against the use of flame retardants in furniture.

A policy paper, published by the Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL) and endorsed by three trade bodies – the European Furniture Industries Confederation (Efic), European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW) and the European Bedding Industries' Association (EBIA) – expresses concern about the dangers flame retardants pose to human health, the environment and in the recycling of furniture.

