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**Greater Manchester Hazards Centre / Hazards Campaign Consultation Response** (*Furniture Fire Safety Regulations 2026*)

Q1: Smoulder-based fire test

Answer: Yes

Comment: The Hazards Campaign supports reforming fire safety legislation to focus on smoulder resistance. Evidence indicates that reliance on chemical flame retardants does not improve fire death outcomes and may increase smoke toxicity. Moving away from these chemicals will better protect public health and the environment while maintaining fire safety.

Q2: Composite / component testing

Answer: Yes

Comment: The Hazards Campaign supports allowing both composite and component testing approaches. This flexibility will reduce unnecessary testing burdens, particularly for smaller businesses, and encourage innovation in safer, more sustainable furniture design without reliance on harmful flame retardants.

Q3: Use of GPSRs for re-upholstery and repair

Answer: Yes

Comment: Using General Product Safety Regulations is appropriate and proportionate. It avoids destructive re-testing, supports small businesses, and enables innovation while ensuring products remain safe.

Q4: Use of GPSRs for second-hand furniture

Answer: Yes

Comment: The Hazards Campaign supports this approach as it maintains safety while enabling reuse and supporting the circular economy. It also helps reduce waste and unnecessary disposal of usable furniture.

The Hazards Campaign welcomes these proposals as a positive step toward reducing harmful chemical exposure, improving environmental protection, and supporting a sustainable circular economy, while maintaining appropriate fire safety standards.



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