



## Department of Commerce

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### Bedding, Stuffed Toys & Upholstered Furniture

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#### **1. What is a Bedding License?**

A Bedding license provides the ability to those who wish to import, distribute, or manufacture bedding, upholstered furniture, and stuffed toy products in the state of Ohio. Additionally, this license allows for the resale of these products by renovators, second-hand dealers and auction houses. Finally, the license allows for recreation vehicle and mobile home dealers to offer their products for sale in Ohio. Articles such as cushion seats and mattresses contained within the recreation vehicles and mobile homes also fall within the jurisdiction of this license.

#### **2. How long is a license good for?**

The license is valid for a period of one year. The license is required to be renewed on an annual basis.

#### **3. How do I apply for a license?**

You may request a registration packet to be mailed or faxed to you. You can also obtain this information from our website. The packet comes with instructions on how to complete the application.

#### **4. Are there any other requirements to licensing?**

Importers, distributors, and manufacturers are required to submit a sample of their product along with two law labels to our laboratory. The filling materials of the sample will be tested and the law labels reviewed to ensure proper identification of the fillers. If corrections to the law label are necessary, notification will be provided.



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### **5. Are secondhand products required to be sanitized?**

Yes, any second-hand article that contains hidden fillers or stuffing is required to be sanitized prior to being offered for sale.

### **6. How will I know when it's time for me to renew my license?**

You need to renew your license prior to the expiration date indicated on your certificate. Our office will make every effort to send a renewal notice prior to the expiration date.

### **7. What are annual reports and how will I know when to pay?**

Annual reports are used to notify registrants that .04 cents per article sold or offered for sale in Ohio is due. Annual notices are mailed along with the annual renewal invoice approximately 30 days prior to the registration expiration date. The information for these reports represents activity for the 12 months prior to the registration expiration date. The annual report is to be returned to the division within 30 days of receipt of the notice.

### **8. I make 100 or fewer items per year, but I do set up in a craft mall. Do I still need to be registered?**

Yes. Any vendor that uses craft malls, consignment stores or flea markets are required to register. This is due to the fact that these are business entities and are not considered leisure pursuits.

### **9. I make different items. Do I have to submit one of each item for testing?**

Yes, but only if the filling materials change from product to product. If the filling content does not vary, only one sample is required.

### **10. How often is testing required?**

Only once if your filling content remains the same.