



## California passed flame retardant amended bill AB 2998

On September 01, 2018, California's legislature passed a new amended bill of AB-2998, the bill requires on or after January 1, 2020, a person, including a manufacturer, shall not sell or distribute in commerce in this state any new, not previously owned children products, mattresses, or upholstered furniture that contains, or a constituent component of which contains, covered flame retardant chemicals at levels above 1,000 parts per million, except as specified. The flame retardant chemicals contain but not limit to halogenated, organophosphorus, organonitrogen, or nanoscale chemical, a violation of this bill will impose fine ranging from \$1000 to \$10000 .Other states related regulations for reference:



State	Bill	Controlled Scope	Controlled Substances	Limit	Effect Date
aaMaine	H.P.138-L.D .182	Upholstered furniture	Contain but not limit to Halogenated,organophosphorus, organonitrogen or nanoscale chemical	1000ppm	2019.1.1
Rhode Island	H5082	Bedding article upholstered furniture	Organohalogen flame retardant	100ppm	2019.7.1
Washington	HB 2545	Children products upholstered furniture	TDCPP, TCEP, DecaBDE, HBCD Additive TBBPA	1000ppm	2017.7.1
Minnesota	SF1215	Children products upholstered furniture	TDCPP, TCEP DecaBDE, HBCDD	1000ppm	2018.7.1
New York	A4741-2013	Child care products for children under 36 months	TDCPP, TCEP	Prohibited	2015.12.1

**Official Link:**[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201720180AB2998](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB2998)

### HCT Solutions:

Flame retardant chemicals have been needlessly used in products and linked to cancer, developmental and reproductive toxicity, and endocrine disruption, which causes all countries and regions to launch the related regulations and laws one after another. At present Sweden's environmental tax bill is ahead of the rest of the world, and probably will be further expanded to form a global trend control. Relevant enterprises of children products, mattresses, or upholstered furniture products need to assess the application of flame retardants in products, focus on the new legislation updates, and make prevention and control measures in advance.

HCT has professional teams and rich testing experiences in flame retardants, we keep close attention to the update of domestic and overseas laws and regulations, and provide the best testing service for our customers.

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