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**Specification for
Labelling of commodities –
Part 5: Labelling of furniture**

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Foreword

Enquiry Draft

Members of the Technical Committee - Furniture

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1 Scope

This standard specifies the labelling requirements for furniture, when offered for sale in Guyana, whether locally manufactured or imported. It shall be read in conjunction with the latest version of **GYS 9-1, Specification for Labelling of commodities - Part 1: General principles.**

2 Definitions

For the purpose of this standard, the following definitions shall apply:

2.1 furniture

The moveable equipment of a building, room, etc., for example, tables, chairs, beds, including mattresses.

2.2 sets

A number of things that resemble one another or are usually found together.

3 Labelling

3.1 General requirements

3.1.1 All labels shall be prominently and conspicuously displayed. All required information shall be in legible, unambiguous English and be in a letter size of not less than 2 mm in height.

3.1.2 All labels shall be securely affixed to the furniture by whatever method the distributor or retailer chooses and shall be of such permanency so as to remain on or attached to the product until the completion of sale to the consumer.

3.1.3 Additional product information may be affixed to the product on a leaflet or manual.

3.2 Detailed requirements

3.2.1 The label on of furniture shall include the following:

- (a) the common name or type of item;
- (b) mark/code to distinguish the manufacturer (for example, a logo);
- (c) the country of origin (For local and imported furniture);

- (d) type of predominant material(s) which dictates the nature of the item, for example, type of wood, metal or plastic;
- (e) for upholstered furniture: The type of fabric, the type of material used for the frame and the filling;
- (f) for mattresses: The type of spring coils (if any); type of insulation, covering and the dimension of the unit;
- (g) type of finish, for example, colour, lacquer, varnish, veneer or paint;
- (h) precautionary note for general usage and care, for example “Do not scrape, scratch or scour”, “clean with soap and water only”, “protect from cosmetics and alcohol”, “turn and rotate mattress regularly”, “recommended optimal temperature”; and
- (i) Dimensions of the furniture (length, width, depth).

3.2.2 The label on furniture may include the recommended weight capacity (for example, weight limit for chairs, shelves).

3.2.3 In addition to the above requirements, the label shall identify and state the number of pieces in a set. When labelling sets, only one item in the set needs to be labelled, implying that this item is a representative sample of the lot.

3.2.4 When an upholstered item is said to be covered by a given material, for example, tapestry, velvet, cotton, leather, it is implied that the entire exposed surface is covered with the said material. If, however, any part of the exposed surface is not so covered, the type of the other material shall be clearly stated on the label.

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