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Dear Mr. Pennoni:

This letter is in reply to your correspondence of February 7, 1974 in which you ask whether mattress covers manufactured by Michigan State Industries Division of the Department of Corrections must comply with the flammability standards issued under the Flammable Fabrics Act.

Although the Commission has issued a "Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses" (copy enclosed), that Standard does not pertain to "mattress covers." Section .5 of the Standard, however, does include "mattress pads" which are the thin, flat mats or cushions used on top of a mattress. If a "mattress cover" is the same thing as a "mattress pad" it would be required to comply with the Standard.

A copy of the Flammable Fabrics Act is enclosed for your convenience. In addition, we are referring your name to our mailing list unit and have requested that you receive appropriate notices of Commission activities, including the promulgation of product safety standards under the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2052 et seq.). If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (2)

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