U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Office of Compliance

Requirements[1] for Infant Cushions

16 C.F.R. Part 1500.18 (a) (16)

What is the purpose of the infant cushion banning rule?

The purpose of the rule is to prevent infants from suffocating while sleeping on an infant cushion.

Where can I find the rule on infant cushions?

The rule is published in 16 C.F.R. Part 1500.18 (a) (16). Any product that meets the criteria for an infant cushion outlined below is banned under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1261(a)(1)(A). You can obtain a copy of the banning regulation from the CPSC Web Site at: http://www.cpsc.gov

What is an infant cushion?

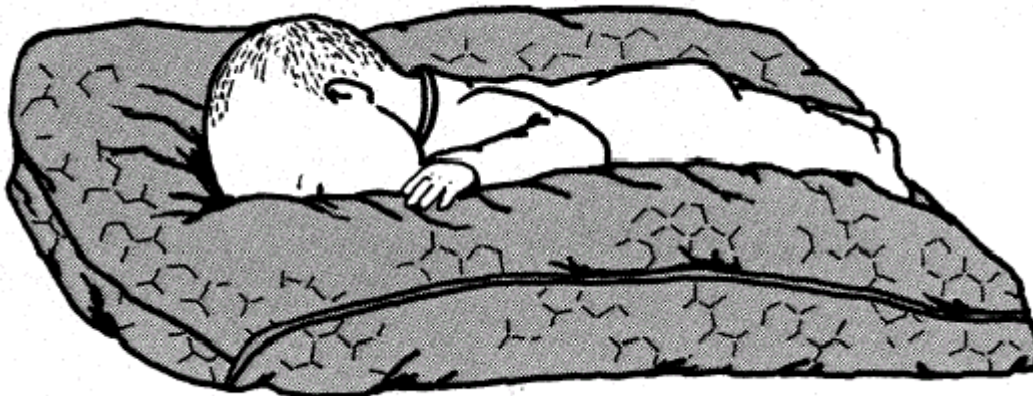An "infant cushion" has all of the following characteristics:

(1) A flexible fabric covering,

(2) Is loosely filled with a granular material such as plastic foam beads or pellets,

(3) Is easily flattened,

(4) Is capable of conforming to the body or face of an infant, and

(5) Is intended or promoted for the use by children under one year of age

A product need not be called an "infant cushion" to be banned. "Infant pillows" and any other articles, regardless of how they are identified, that meet all of the criteria listed above are banned.

Where can I find additional information?

For more information on the regulation, contact the Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of Compliance, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone: (301) 504-0608, mailto: sect15@cpsc.gov. You can also obtain additional information from the Consumer Product Safety Alert at: http://www.cpsc.gov/CPSCPUB/PUBS/5090.pdf

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[1] *The following is a general unofficial summary of the requirements for infant cushions and does not replace the requirements published in 16 C.F.R. 1500.18 (a) (16). This summary does not include all of the details included in those requirements. For those details, please refer to the regulation or contact the Office of Compliance.*