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Memorandum

Date: May 30, 2019
To: All NC Licensed Bedding Sanitizers/Renovators
From: Sleep Products Section,
Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division

Subject: Approval of "Other Methods" of Sanitizing Bedding

The Director of the Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division has approved the listed chemicals and or processes as allowable bedding sanitizing methods.

NOTE: Application of a disinfectant/antimicrobial for any purpose other than disinfection constitutes misuse as defined by the NC Pesticide Law (NCGS Chapter 143, Article 52) and the NC Structural Pest Control Law (NCGS Chapter 106, Article 4C). Additional licensing and certification are required for use to destroy, repel or mitigate any other pest(s).

OTHER METHODS OF SANITIZING APPROVED BY THE DIVISION

The name(s) of the chemical(s) or processes listed below are approved by the Division for use as Other Methods for Sanitation. This in accordance to Section 02 NCAC 61 .0103 Other Methods of Sanitizing Chapter 61-Sanitation of Bedding.

Only products registered with and methods approved by the NCDA&CS Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division's Pesticide Section and Sleep Products Section shall be used to sanitize bedding. Registered products specified for use as a disinfectant on bedding, shall clearly state on the label or on printed matter included in each container or package, detailed instructions for its use in disinfecting articles of bedding. Bedding is defined to mean any mattress, upholstered spring, sleeping bag, pad, comforter, cushion, pillow, decorative pillow, and any other padded or stuffed item designed to be or commonly used for reclining, or sleeping. A disinfectant is defined as a substance, or mixture of substances, that destroys or irreversibly inactivates bacteria, fungi and viruses, but not necessarily bacterial spores, in the inanimate environment.

Mattresses, box springs or similar articles covered by a porous material or fabric may be sanitized and cleaned with an appropriate chemical labeled for use as a disinfectant. The disinfectant must have been approved by the Division and registered with the NCDA&CS Structural Pest Control and Pesticides Division Pesticide Registration Section. Application(s) shall be in accordance with the chemical disinfectant manufacturer's labeling to provide adequate coverage as prescribed by the manufacture.

Appropriate and effective safety precautions shall be followed in the use, storage, application, and disposal of the disinfectant and, at a minimum, such precautions shall be in accordance with product label directions.

NOTE: Application of a disinfectant/antimicrobial for any purpose other than disinfection of bedding requires additional certification and licensing as required by the NC Pesticide Law and the NC Structural Pest Control Law.

Approved Chemicals and Methods

Steri-Fab, EPA Reg. Number 397-13, manufactured by Nobel Pine Products Company

If you have any questions, contact the Sleep Products Section at 919-733-3556 or by email to Kay Harris, Program Administrator kay.harris@ncagr.gov