



Implementation of the Connecticut's Mattress Stewardship Law Public Act 13-42

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WHO IS ISPA?

ISPA WAS FORMED IN 1915 BY 39 MATTRESS MANUFACTURERS – INITIALLY KNOWN AS THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BEDDING MANUFACTURERS

- Encourage uniformity in industry standards and government regulations
- Standardize the use of clean and hygienic filling materials and components
- Elevate the image of the industry and its products
- Disseminate vital information
- Fight for members' common interests
- Bring the members of the industry together

ISPA currently represents mattress manufacturers and bedding component, machinery and service suppliers in countries around the world.



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WHAT IS THE INDUSTRY DOING?

- ISPA is currently forming a mattress recycling organization
- The organization will be a non-profit called the “Mattress Recycling Council” or MRC
- To assist in the creation of the MRC and implementation of the law, ISPA has retained the non-profit association Product Care
- Product Care will assist the MRC in the structuring, development and implementation of the CT mattress recycling program



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HOW IS THE PROGRAM FUNDED?

- The plan is financed through a mandatory visible fee collected at retail
- The MRC will develop and set the fee with oversight from DEEP
- The fee is collected from consumers at point of sale and remitted to the MRC
- The MRC will use these funds to contract with service providers to recycle mattresses





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HOW WILL THE PROGRAM WORK?

- Each mattress manufacturer or their designee, must join the MRC; retailers may also participate
- The MRC will develop a plan to collect, receive and recycle mattresses
- The MRC will develop agreements to collect and receive mattresses from covered entities as required by the law
- The MRC will develop agreements to provide for the transportation and recycling of the mattress with appropriate service providers



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HOW WILL THE PROGRAM WORK?

- The program intends to utilize existing collection methods whenever possible
- A consumer will continue to dispose of their mattress through traditional methods
 - Municipal waste collection service
 - Retailer take back when purchasing new product
 - Consumers can take to a designated collection and/or processing site
- The mattresses will then be collected from designated sites and transported for recycling at the MRC's expense



AREAS WHERE STAKEHOLDER INPUT IS NEEDED

- Stakeholder process
- Best practices/standards for recyclers (handling and processing)
- Best practices for collectors and consolidation centers
- Data collection and verification
 - Tracking inbound and outbound mattresses and components
 - Ratios of mattresses to components
 - Verification of components recycled



AREAS WHERE STAKEHOLDER INPUT IS NEEDED

- Collection sites
Municipal, retails, bulk disposal, others?
- Consolidated collection points
- Transportation Fee
 - Collection of fee
 - Description of fee





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AREAS WHERE STAKEHOLDER INPUT IS NEEDED

- Payments to service providers
 - Recyclers
 - Financial incentives
- Public education program
- Other topics?



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