



CAL FIRE - OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Code Interpretation 24-01

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REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR TENT MANUFACTURERS

OVERVIEW

Code California Health and Safety Code and Title 19, California Code of Regulations

Section(s): Health and Safety Code section 13115 and Title 19, California Code of Regulations, sections 332, 334, 335, 1272, 1273 and 1273.2

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QUESTION 1:

Fabric is purchased from a fabric manufacturer, with an approved registration number. Does the fabric need to be retested and obtain a new registration number?

ANSWER 1:

No. You can own the registered fabric without the requirement to re-test and re-register if you are not building a product protected by statute found in Health and Safety Code (HSC), Sections [13115](#) and [13119](#).

QUESTION 2:

Fabric is purchased from a fabric manufacturer, with an approved registration number. Does the approved fabric need to be re-registered if it's being used to manufacture a tent?

ANSWER 2:

Yes. The fabric manufacturers are not required to label a bolt of fabric. The required labeling of fabric panels' is applicable to the tent manufacturer per Title 19, California Code of Regulations, section [1272](#). A fabric, to be registered is applicable when the fabric becomes one of the products that are protected by statute found in Health and Safety Code, sections [13115](#) and [13119](#). Additionally, the Health and Safety Code, section [13127](#), requires the registration for the material used in tents and decorative materials, for assembly occupancies must be renewed annually.

QUESTION 3:

Fabric is purchased from a fabric manufacturer, with an approved registration number. A manufacturer then sells a completed tent with the registered fabric. Will the new owner or future owners have to re-test the completed tent repeatedly?



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ANSWER 3:

No. A registered tent can be purchased without the need for re-testing, if the new owner purchased a tent from a registered tent company. Do not alter the configuration of the purchased tent, change the company name, or remove the labeling per Title 19, California Code of Regulations, sections [335](#) and [1272](#).

QUESTION 4:

Will completed tents from a manufacturer require registration repeatedly to maintain their registered status?

ANSWER 4:

Yes. HSC, Section [13127](#), requires the registration to be renewed annually with the Office of the State Fire Marshal's Fire Engineering Division; Flame Retardant Chemicals and Flame program.

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QUESTION 5:

Is a secondary registration optional as the word "desire" implies in regulation?

ANSWER 5:

Yes. A secondary registration is an option for a company that has obtained a written agreement with the parent company. Per Title 19, California Code of Regulations, section [1275](#), a secondary registration is utilized when a company, that is required to have a registration, desires to utilize the test reports from the parent company to obtain a new registration number assigned to them. This option requires a written notarized agreement from both companies to be on file with the CAL FIRE - Office of the State Fire Marshal.