

Outline of JFRA (Japan Fire Retardant Association)

(1) History (from its establishment to present)

On November 21st 1962, Japan Fire Retardant Council was established by related organizations and firms to prevent fires by promoting flame retardancy of products such as interior decoration goods, building construction sheets and the like since many fires broke out at theaters and construction sites in the 1960's.

In February 1968, Flame Retardancy Regulation was introduced by an amendment to the Fire Service Law.

In May 1969, on the basis of previous activities, the Fire Retardant Council was reformed and renamed as the Japan Fire Retardant Association (JFRA), with the authorization of the Minister of Home Affairs. Since then JFRA conducted material quality assurance and publicity campaigns to diffuse flame retardant qualified products into the marketplace, this follows Fire Service Law, to decrease damage caused by fire.

In December 2008, JFRA became a Special Case Juridical Person by the enforcement of new Public Interest Corporation System. After some transitional period, JFRA resumed its activities as a Public Interest Incorporated Foundation by the authorization of the Cabinet Office on May 1st 2012.

In the meantime, JFRA formed the Certification Committee for flame retardancy products within its organization in 1975. Since then JFRA carries out its own flame retardancy tests and issue certificates for products such as bed clothes and other belongings, which are not regulated by Fire Service Law. In 2004, the Registration Confirmation System was introduced to guarantee consumer's reliability. The national government authorizes third party institutions which are capable of conducting fair and neutral tests with the required level of test facilities. JFRA was authorized together with one other organization. Thereafter JFRA assures flame retardancy performance and flame retardancy control based on Fire Service Law and conducts related activities .

Note: Structures such as public buildings and high-raised buildings are obliged to install high performance flame retardant goods such as curtains, carpets and so on.

(2) Outline of activities of JFRA

From the very beginning of its establishment, JFRA has been diffusing the idea that, “Fire prevention by flame retardancy”. JFRA promotes and disseminates Quality Control of flame retardant goods (both flame retardant materials and flame retardant products). JFRA has been contributing its efforts to creating secure and safe society as its social mission.

JFRA’s services are as follows:

1. Conduct tests to certify flame retardancy etc.
2. Issue labels to identify flame retardancy performance.
3. Assure flame retardancy quality and give guidance concerning flame retardancy.
4. Develop and promote flame retardant products.
5. Provide training and education for flame retardancy processing specialists.
6. Promote the dissemination of fire prevention and flame retardancy knowledge to make people aware of fire prevention and flame retardancy.
7. Coordinate with other fire prevention organizations both in Japan and abroad to collect information and documents, and to conduct related research and investigation.

(3) Address and Location

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