



## NOTICE TO MATTRESS PRODUCERS

### Connecticut Mattress Recycling Fee Begins May 1, 2015

#### *\$9 Recycling Fee Must be Collected on Mattress & Box Spring End User Sales*

Connecticut law requires mattress manufacturers and renovators to collect this fee if they sell directly to end users in Connecticut. Failure to do so may prohibit you from selling mattresses in the state or cause you to incur other penalties. **Register now at [mrcreporting.org](http://mrcreporting.org).**

#### Fee Collection

Beginning May 1, 2015, producers must collect a \$9 recycling fee on each mattress and box spring sold to Connecticut end users, for example consumers or contract purchasers such as hotels, institutions etc. The fee is not collected on sales to distributors or unaffiliated retailers. The fee is:

- A flat rate of \$9 regardless of mattress size or type.
- Charged per unit. Each mattress and each box spring is considered a separate unit. For example, if you sell a mattress and a box spring, the total fee is \$18.
- Listed on the invoice or sales receipt as "Recycle Fee" followed by the amount.
- Subject to sales tax.

#### Who Charges the Fee?

- Producers must collect the fee on all sales of mattresses and box springs they make directly to consumers or contract purchasers in Connecticut.
- Producers that sell directly to end users either online or through other non-store front venues (mail, television, etc.) must collect the fee on all mattresses and box springs sold for delivery in Connecticut, regardless of where the producer is located.

#### **The fee *does not* apply to mattresses or box springs sold by producers**

- **To independent mattress retailers, or**
- **Through affiliated brick-and-mortar stores located outside of Connecticut for delivery in Connecticut.**

#### Registration & Fee Remittance

Producers selling mattresses to end users in Connecticut must register immediately at [www.mrcreporting.org](http://www.mrcreporting.org) in order to remit their collected fees via a secure, online portal. If the Producer also sells directly to consumers, it will register as a "producer" and as a "retailer." *Registration is easy and free of charge.*

Fees collected on sales during a given calendar month must be remitted to MRC by no later than 30 days following the end of that month. For example, fees collected on mattress and box spring sales in May must be remitted to MRC by June 30.

All proprietary information submitted to MRC will be kept confidential. However, MRC must report certain aggregated data to the state.

#### What is the Mattress Recycling Council?

The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a non-profit organization established by the mattress industry to plan and manage Connecticut's statewide mattress recycling program. The fees it collects are used to contract with third parties to transport and recycle discarded mattresses.

#### Who is a "Producer"?

A "producer" is defined as any person who **manufactures** or **renovates** a mattress or box spring in the United States or who **imports** a mattress or box spring produced in a foreign country, that is sold, offered for sale or distributed in Connecticut under the producer's own name or brand. It also includes the owner of a mattress trademark or brand, whether or not such trademark or brand is registered in the state.

*See Reverse Side for More Frequently Asked Questions*



**MATTRESS**  
RECYCLING COUNCIL

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### Who is a “Renovator”?

A “renovator” is defined as any person who renovates discarded mattresses for the purpose of reselling such mattresses to consumers.

Renovation includes altering a mattress for the purpose of resale including any one, or a combination of, the following: replacing the ticking or filling, adding additional filling, or replacing components with new or recycled materials.

### Does the fee apply to mattress or box spring rentals?

The fee must be applied to mattresses or box springs sold to end users. In the case of rentals, the entity purchasing the unit to be rented to an end user would pay the fee.

### Does the fee apply to other sleep products?

No. The fee does not apply to mattress pads, mattress toppers, sleeping bags, pillows, car beds, juvenile products including a crib mattress, carriage, basket, dressing table, stroller, playpen, infant carrier, lounge pad, crib bumper or pad, water beds or camping style air mattresses, fold-out sofa beds or futons.

### What happens when an end user returns a mattress or box spring to a producer?

The producer will refund the fee to the end user when processing the customer return. Since a producer remits fees only on its net sales of mattresses and box springs during a reporting month, all customer refunds during the month will be reflected in the net sales calculation.

### Where can I find MRC’s fee remittance policy?

Visit the resources section of [www.mrcreporting.org](http://www.mrcreporting.org) to read the entire fee remittance policy and access other resources.

### How was the fee established?

MRC set the fee, with approval from the state. The fee provides for the cost of operating and administering the program. MRC does not earn any profits from the program.

### Will the fee change?

The fee could change if collected fees are too high or too low to sustain the recycling program. Any change in the fee is subject to state approval and MRC would provide 90-days notice to implement the new fee.

### If I am a producer that sells exclusively to independent retailers (that is, I never sell directly to consumers or other end users such as contract customers) do I have to collect and remit the fee and report my data?

No. A producer that does not sell directly to end users does not need to collect and remit the fee or file monthly reports. However, if those circumstances change, you should immediately notify MRC, collect the fee on all sales you make directly to consumers or other end users and remit those fees to MRC.

### Does a producer that sells directly to consumers or other end users need to report even if it has sold no mattresses or box springs in a reporting period?

Yes. Even if a producer has no sales during a given month, the producer still must file a report indicating no mattresses or box springs sales during the remittance period. If a producer discontinues selling mattresses or box springs in Connecticut, it may terminate its MRC program registration. Once that termination is effective, it may stop filing monthly returns with MRC.

### Are producers required to recycle used mattresses or box springs that they collect from Connecticut consumers or contract purchasers when they deliver the new products?

No. Producers are not required to recycle such mattresses or box springs. Producers may voluntarily participate in the recycling program by providing their used mattresses and box springs to recyclers under contract to MRC. There is no recycling cost to participating producers.

### Webinar Series to Debut this Spring

This spring, MRC will make short presentations available at [www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org](http://www.mattressrecyclingcouncil.org) that will guide you through program registration, show you how to use the reporting and fee remittance portal, help you explain the program to your sales associates and answer questions from your customers, and explain how to fully comply with the law.