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Furniture Sector's Drive to Combine Functionality & Sustainability



The focus on functionality, sustainability and responsible business practices in a swiftly changing environment has led to the furniture industry undergoing a profound transformation. Stakeholders now give priority to products that excel in performance while meeting rigorous environmental and social standards. This shift reflects a collective commitment to a more conscientious and eco-friendly approach to furniture production.

Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturer's Association, or [BIFMA](#), is a non-profit organization formed to create voluntary standards that promote safe working environments while sponsoring the development and maintenance of furniture safety, performance, and sustainability standards that impact people's lives.

Currently, BIFMA has 2 schemes that ensures the functionality & sustainability of furniture & fixtures:



BIFMA COMPLIANT®	LEVEL® BY BIFMA
	
An industry-wide registry of furniture products that conform to BIFMA safety and durability standards, providing clarity to the market by differentiating products that meet established industry standards.	A sustainability certification program created to provide a comprehensive and transparent means to confidently source responsibly manufactured products by measuring against the multi-attribute criteria defined in the ANSI/BIFMA e3 Furniture Sustainability Standard.

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As a BIFMA member and an active participant in its technical committees, our experts are well positioned to guide manufacturers through BIFMA programs that can help you to achieve compliance against established industry & national standards while differentiating your products apart and elevating your brand.

Success Story:

In December 2023, SGS team helped [Qianglong Furniture Co., Ltd.](#) to obtain BIFMA LEVEL®2 certification & BIFMA COMPLIANT® registry on various seating products.

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Upon the completion of a series of rigorous performance standards, the BIFMA COMPLIANT® logo was granted	An audit on their manufacturing facility was conducted and the results had exceeded all aspects against the requirements based on the ANSI/BIFMA e3-2019 standard, achieving LEVEL®2 (Gold tier) status.
Advantages:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance buyer confidence • Validates products & provides visibility, helping to combat rising counterfeit claims • Plays a role in accruing Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) credits for products • Can use logo on products, packaging, and sales documents 	

Confirm the compliance to regulation, quality, safety, durability, performance and sustainability of your furniture products with **SGS** furniture testing services.

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