

Outdoor Furniture Interpretation

May a manufacturer/brand of outdoor furniture products self-declare conformance of a furniture product to an ANSI/BIFMA standard?

Yes. If the product is in Scope of the ANSI/BIFMA standard and there are applicable tests, then the manufacturer/brand may make a self-declaration of product conformance as per BIFMA PC-2020 https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.bifma.org/resource/resmgr/compliance/bifma_pc-2020.pdf.

The ANSI/BIFMA standards focus on safety and durability of use, however, they do not currently address outdoor climates. It is up to the manufacturer/brand to assure the weatherability of the product.

Do any of the current ANSI/BIFMA standards address outdoor environments?

No

May furniture products used in outdoor settings participate in the BIFMA Compliant Program?

Yes, under the following conditions:

- the product is intended primarily for indoor use
- the product is within the scope of the ANSI/BIFMA standard
- there are applicable product tests
- meets the requirements of the BIFMA Compliant Program