



Ohio Revised Code

Section 5109.16 Authorization to identify blind-made goods.

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To facilitate prompt and authoritative identification of goods and articles made by blind persons, any person, public or private institution or agency, firm, association, or corporation engaged in the manufacture or distribution of goods or articles made by blind persons may apply to the bureau of services for the visually impaired for registration and authorization to use an official imprint, stamp, symbol, or label designed or approved by the bureau to identify blind-made products and containing the words, "made by a blind worker" or "made by the blind," or "blind-made" and to which shall be added the name of the manufacturer, the place of manufacture, and such other information as the bureau prescribes.

The bureau shall adopt rules with respect to procedures to be followed in determining whether an applicant is engaged in the manufacture or distribution of blind-made goods or articles. Any applicant who complies with such rules and regulations and sections 5109.15 to 5109.18 of the Revised Code, shall be provided with a certificate of registration and authorization to use the official mark of identification for blind-made products, valid for one year from the date of issue.

The bureau may register, without investigation, nonresident individuals and out-of-state agencies, firms, associations, or corporations upon proof that they are recognized and approved by the state of residence or organized pursuant to a law of such state imposing requirements substantially similar to those prescribed by sections 5109.15 to 5109.18 of the Revised Code.
