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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

February 22, 1984

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Washington, D.C.

The February 22, 1984, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was convened in open session by Chairman Nancy Harvey Steorts. Commissioners Sandra Brown Armstrong, Terrence Scanlon and Stuart M. Statler were present.

Ballot Vote Decisions. Chairman Steorts read into the record the following decisions made by ballot vote of the Commissioners.

1. Appeal of Denial of Consumer Complaint Reports, S-311201

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to affirm the decision of the Freedom of Information Officer to withhold specific material.

2. Federal Register Notice Asking for Nominations for CHAP on Formaldehyde

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve a draft Federal Register notice asking for nominations for the Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel on formaldehyde.

3. Appeal of Denial of File RP 83-86, FOIA Request S-308168

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to affirm the decision of the Freedom of Information Officer to withhold specific material.

4. Revocation of Chlorofluorocarbon Propellant Reporting Requirements, 16 CFR Part 1401

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve a Federal Register document proposing to revoke certain reporting requirements for chlorofluorocarbon propellants.

5. Exemption of Wired Glass Used in Fire Doors From Requirements of the Architectural Glazing Standard (16 CFR Part 1201)

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve an amendment to the Safety Standard for Architectural Glazing Materials to remove the termination date of an exemption from the requirements of the standard for wired glass used in fire doors.

Agenda Matters:

1. PPPA Exemption Request, PP 83-1

The Commission considered a petition from Ayerst Laboratories to exempt certain conjugated estrogens and progestins from the child-resistant packaging requirements under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA). These drug products, used for the treatment of female hormonal imbalance disorders, are subject to the child-resistant packaging requirements by virtue of being oral prescription drugs. The staff had briefed the Commission on this exemption request at the February 15, 1984, Commission meeting, and recommended that it be granted based on available toxicity and human experience data indicating that the substances have not caused and are not likely to cause serious personal injury or illness to young children.

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to grant the petition. The staff is to prepare for Commission consideration a draft Federal Register notice to propose the exemption.

2. Status Report: Voluntary Standards for Crib Hardware and Expandable Enclosures

The staff reported to the Commission on the status of the industry voluntary standards efforts relating to crib hardware and expandable enclosures following meetings in January 1984, of the tasks groups working in these two areas. At these meetings, questions were raised about whether industry should continue its voluntary standards activities in light of the Commission's actions under Section 30(d) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) to transfer regulation of certain risks of injury associated with crib hardware and expandable enclosures from the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) to the CPSA. Staff reported that in the case of the task group on enclosures, the voluntary standards effort is continuing and is progressing. In the case of crib hardware, however, staff reported that the task group decided to suspend voluntary activities in this area pending the outcome of CPSC's Section 30(d), CPSA, transfer rule.

Substantial discussion by the Commission followed the staff's report, including discussion of steps that might be taken to try and reactivate the crib hardware voluntary standards effort. To this end, the Commission asked the staff to arrange a meeting for discussion between the Commission and executives of crib manufacturers.

A transcript of the full discussion on this matter is now available in the Office of the Secretary.

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Meeting then in closed session, the Commission and staff discussed issues relating to Enforcement Matter OS #4540.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chairman Steorts adjourned the meeting.

For the Commission:

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