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**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER MARY SHEILA GALL**

SUBJECT: Activities of Toy Manufacturers Association (TMA)

DATE OF MEETING: 15 October 1996

PLACE: CPSC Headquarters, Office of Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

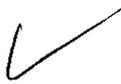
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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall, Special Assistant Patricia Semple, Special Assistant (Legal) Dennis Wilson

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: David Miller, President, TMA; Aaron Locker, General Counsel, TMA; Adrienne King, Campaigner, Greenpeace

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Miller described TMA activities and concerns in the following areas: (1) the situation for toy safety was relatively stable during the past year and TMA had had time for educational activities; (2) the yearly Toy Fair will be held in February 1997 and he hoped that Commissioner Gall could attend; (3) TMA has produced a new brochure, including recommendations on toy choices for blind children; (4) 80% of the toys purchased each year in the U.S. are manufactured outside the United States and TMA is working to improve quality and safety of toys manufactured in foreign countries (5) Mr. Miller hoped that the Commission's NEISS system would be allocated sufficient resources to do more evaluations of the causes of injuries treated by hospital emergency rooms; (6) TMA was participating in a pilot program with National Safe Kids Foundation to use community organizations to better educate parents on toy selection and child supervision; (7) TMA expects another version of a toy "hit list" to be made public just before Christmas; (8) there is mixed news on the trade front and international harmonization of standards: (a) the Brazilian market is being opened up; (b) the effort to harmonize U.S. and Canadian toy standards has been delayed by actions taken by Health Canada; (c) Mexico is not making much progress on standards harmonization, although the U.S. Department of Commerce has a new employee in Mexico City who works on this issue; (c) the MERCASOR countries (South America) have a toy standard that is 2/3 U.S. and 1/3 European, but it is barely enforced; (d) the International Standards Organization process requires more involvement by U.S.



manufacturers because there is so little access to the European Standards Organization process; and (e) there is little prospect for global standards, but good prospects for regional ones.