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SUBJECT: Children's Sleepwear - Possible Stay of Enforcement Extension and other technical issues related to the recent amendments.

DATE OF MEETING: March 6, 1997 **PLACE:** Rm 410 East West Towers

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Patricia Fairall, Assistant Director, CRM *DAF*

DATE OF ENTRY: March 11, 1997

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: See Attached List

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: See Attached List

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The meeting was requested by AAMA to discuss their request for an extension of the stay enforcement and to have a discussion of other manufacturing problems that have arisen since publication of the final amendments.

1. Pamela Gilbert, CPSC Executive Director, provided opening remarks.

2. Pat Fairall, CPSC, provided a brief history of the recent children's sleepwear amendment process which began in 1991. In January 1993, the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking was published which resulted in over 2100 comments, generally favoring the amendment. In October 1994, the Proposed rule was published with specific body measurements for industry comment. Only 39 comments were received. Minor changes were made based on the comments, and the Final Rule was published in September 1996. After the final rule was published and mailed by CPSC to over 1300 manufacturers/importers, CPSC began to receive a number of comments about the upper arm being too tight at the location CPSC specified the garment be measured. CPSC quickly published an enforcement policy that provided a slightly different location to measure the upper arm. The regulation will be amended to accommodate this change.

3. Allison Wolf, AAMA, provided a list of problems that the industry has found with the new amendments which included the following: cuffs are too tight, waist measurement too tight, no diaper ease, upper arm measurement too tight, head opening problems, seat to thigh ratio problems, set-in sleeve problems, multi-size garment enforcement, disruption of garment cycles, ornamentation problems, retailers are not ready to buy these garments, concern that this is affecting all long underwear, importers are cutting into U.S. production, and hanger appeal

(garments don't look good on hangers).

4. CPSC then asked industry why they needed the stay of enforcement extension. Retailers and manufacturers stated that the garments for Fall 1997 (generally in stores beginning July 1997) will not be off of the mark-down racks by March 1998. They would feel more comfortable if they would have until June 1998 to make sure they were off the shelves.

5. Additional discussions of the upper arm still being too tight, shrinkage, multi-sized garments, trim and ornamentation, the "definition" of true long underwear, diaper ease, and product liability continued. It appears that some manufacturers are not having significant problems. These manufacturers mentioned that they are using a stretchier fabric and/or are using lycr in the rib cuffs.

6. Margo Savage of Sears agreed to form a committee that would come up with workable garment specifications that would solve the mentioned problems within 30 days. A number of large retailers agreed to work with her.

7. CPSC stated that they would consider the stay of enforcement and evaluate the industry proposal prior to determining the most efficient method of solving these problems. CPSC clarified that because the rule is final, some types of changes may require a "complete" amendment process.

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