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**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING**

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman Tenenbaum, The American Chamber of
Commerce in Hong Kong and CPSC Staff**

DATE OF MEETING: June 15, 2012

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LOCATION: Suite 734, CPSC Headquarters

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Chairman Tenenbaum
Ken Hinson, Executive Director
Anupama Connor, Senior Legal Counsel to the Chairman
Richard O'Brien, Director of International Programs and Intergovernmental Affairs
Patricia Bittner, Program Analyst**

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
Thomas Allen Nelson, Managing Director, VF Asia, Ltd.
Kitty Ka Yan Man, Sr. Manager of Product Safety, VF Asia, Ltd.
Harsha Chenna, Manager of Product Safety, VF Corporation
Richard Vuylsteke, President, The American Chamber of Commerce - Hong Kong
Daniel Hin Ki Kwan, Editor-in-Chief, The American Chamber of Commerce - HK
Min-Lai Cheung, Government Relations & Public Affairs Manager, The American
Chamber of Commerce - HK
Michael McDonald, Government Affairs Manager, American Apparel and Footwear
Association**

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. Nelson wanted to introduce himself and update the Chairman about what Global Apparel, Footwear and Textile Initiative (GAFTI) is working on. He described how his membership, which includes 35 companies and 10 individuals, manufactures and operates globally. They are concerned about product safety. Recently, they evaluated three laboratories conducting lead testing and found a variation in results. Ms. Man described the variation in Phthalates testing based on whether the sample includes only the design on a piece of fabric, or the design plus a fabric sample. Mr. Nelson indicated it is important to GAFTI members that lab variability be eliminated and that there be standard operating procedures (SOP) at the various labs they use around the world. Chairman Tenenbaum indicated it is appropriate that the private sector is undertaking this effort. Mr. McDonald briefly discussed the President's Executive Order about striving for international regulatory cooperation and the GAO report encouraging CPSC to be more involved in creating voluntary standards. Mr. Nelson indicated that as technology advances, so will the SOPs evolve and asked the Chairman to let them know if there are things they can do to improve.