



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Acting Chairman Thomas H. Moore
 Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall

ITEM:

Outstanding Issues from HP93-1: Petition for Mandatory Standards for Backyard Play Sets

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (2-0) to deny specific outstanding remaining issues from the petition, HP 93-1, submitted by the New York City Department of Consumer Affairs and seeking mandatory standards for backyard play sets. The Commission previously denied several other requests of the petitioner. With the current action, the Commission voted to deny: (1) the ban of backyard play sets that do not instruct consumers to use and maintain adequate ground surfacing; (2) the ban of backyard play sets that do not require handrails (guardrails) on all platforms over 30 inches above protective surfacing; (3) the ban of backyard play sets that have free-swinging rope swings; (4) the ban of backyard play sets that do not require play sets with one or more swings to be anchored to the ground; and (5) the ban of backyard play sets that have swing seats made of wood, metal, plastic or other hard and heavy materials capable of inflicting a serious impact injury to a child.

For the Commission:

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Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due March 15, 2002