

## LOG OF MEETING

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**DATE:** March 9, 2010

**LOCATION:** CPSC, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814

**SUBJECT:** Courtesy Call: United States Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel (USA-ITA) Board of Directors visited with Commissioner Adler

**ATTENDEES:** USA-ITA Board Members: Bob Guarnieri, Avon; Debi Gregg, Quicksilver; John Clark, Michar, LLC; Jon Brewer, PacSun; Laura Goldman, Levi Strauss & Co.; Stephen Odom, Eddie Bauer; Julie Hughes, USA-ITA; Heidi Weber, USA-ITA; and Brenda Jacobs, Sidley Austin LLP, Counsel to USA-ITA.

**OBSERVERS:** Rebecca Mond, American Apparel & Footwear Association, Matthew Cohen, Mintz Levin and Mary Foley, Product Safety Letter.

**CPSC ATTENDEES:** Robert Adler, Commissioner; Jason Levine, Legal Counsel

**MEETING SUMMARY:** The USA-ITA representatives provided a history of the association and relayed the association's general satisfaction with the CPSC's previously established fabric exemptions to CPSIA testing. The representatives discussed their preference for federal preemption to provide clarity across the country. Commissioner Adler stated his sympathy for their position but noted that in some instances, no flexibility could be read into the CPSIA regarding preemption. However, he agreed that in a perfect world, the federal standard should be the best standard - negating the need for separate state standards.

The USA-ITA representatives inquired about the Commission's position on heavy metals such as cadmium. Commissioner Adler advised that the Commission is working hard on this issue. The USA-ITA representatives also stated their concern that the current lead standards under CPSIA do not address exposure to lead precisely enough. Commissioner Adler

**noted that this is always a problem with a “bright line” test.**

**The new consumer complaint database that the Commission will launch in March 2011 was also a topic of discussion. The USA-ITA representatives noted their concerns about unsubstantiated claims. Commissioner Adler encouraged the representatives’ input regarding ways to make the information in the database accurate, while complying with the Commission’s statutory mandate to have consumer complaints be made public in a timely fashion.**

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