

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

SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman Tenenbaum & Parents for Window Blind Safety

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LOCATION: Room 724, CPSC Headquarters

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Inez Tenenbaum, Rana Balci-Sinha, Robert Ochsman, Matt Howsare, Robert Howell, Kenneth Hinson

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Linda Kaiser, Parents for Window Blind Safety Don Mays, Consumers Union, Rachel Weintraub, Consumer Federation of America, Carol Polack-Nelson, Consultant, Ralph Vasami, Window Covering Manufacturers Association (WCMA), Barbara Miller, WCMA, Christine Simmons, Associated Press, Sean Oberle, PSL

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The meeting started with a general introduction to Parents for Window Blind Safety but quickly developed into a meeting to discuss the new voluntary standard being drafted by WCMA. The PWBS representatives

complained that the ANSI process was closed to their participation and that the canvassing method of voting done by ANSI was insufficient to take their concerns into consideration. The Chairman asked the WCMA representatives in attendance whether they would include the consumer oriented groups earlier in the process and also asked for an update on their progress towards a new voluntary standard. The trilateral letter from the EU, Canada, and the US to SCMA was also discussed and relevant to a conversation on coming up with a harmonized standard across the 30 different countries that make up the EU, the US, and Canada.