



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING
June 30, 2010

Chairman Inez M. Tenenbaum convened the June 30, 2010, meeting of the U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission at 2:00 p.m. in open session. Commissioners Thomas H. Moore, Nancy A. Nord, Anne M. Northup and Robert S. Adler were also in attendance.

1. Accreditation for Third Party Conformity Assessment Bodies for Testing for Children's Products; Carpets and Rugs and 2. Accreditation for Third Party Conformity Assessment Bodies for Testing for Children's Products; Vinyl Plastic Film

Jan Carlson, General Attorney, Office of General Counsel, Patricia Adair, Director, Division of Fire and Combustion Science, Directorate for Engineering Sciences, and Jonathan Midgett, Engineering Psychologist, Division of Human Factors, briefed the Commission on section 14 of the Consumer Product Safety Act that requires manufacturers of children's products subject to a children's product safety rule to submit product samples to a third party conformity assessment body accredited by the Commission for testing and to certify that the product complies with the rule. Staff explained the standards for surface flammability of carpets and rugs, including youth carpets and rugs, and the standard for the flammability of plastic film.

The Commissioners made comments and asked questions of the staff. Mary Toro, Director of Regulatory Enforcement, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, responded to certain inquiries about the application of the flammability standards. Phillip Chao, Supervisor General Attorney, Office of General Counsel, advised the Commission about the limitations of legal discussions.

Commissioner Adler made a motion to have the Commission move into Executive Session to have a briefing with legal counsel, Mr. Chao and Cheryl Falvey, General Counsel, (who is participating by telephone) and to discuss the legal memorandum on these matters. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion.

There being no further public business, Chairman Tenenbaum adjourned the public portion of the meeting at 3:00 p.m. and moved the meeting into Executive Session.

For the Commission:

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Secretary to the Commission