

## LOG OF MEETING

### U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE

**SUBJECT:** Meeting with the Lighter Association, Inc. to discuss issues related to Petition CP-02-1, a request for the Commission to adopt requirements in the voluntary standard for cigarette lighters (Safety Standard for Lighters - ASTM F400-00) as mandatory requirements under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 05, 2003

**PLACE:** Room 725, CPSC Headquarters

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Michael Gougisha, COTM

**DATE OF ENTRY:** March 10, 2003

#### COMMISSION ATTENDERS:

Commissioner Thomas H. Moore  
Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Moore  
Pamela Weller, Counselor to Commissioner Moore

#### NON-COMMISSION ATTENDERS:

David H. Baker, General Counsel, Lighter Association, Inc.  
Thomas M. Kelleher, Sr. Vice President, BIC Corporation  
Sean Oberle, Publisher, Product Safety Letter

#### SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was requested by the Lighter Association, Inc. in order to provide Commissioner Moore and his staff with information concerning the association's petition, the rationale for its submission, some supportive evidence, some updates on incidents and testing, and updates on meetings with the Commission's staff.

After introductions, Commissioner Moore opened the meeting by welcoming all in attendance and indicated his appreciation for all efforts to make cigarette lighters safer. David Baker then gave some background information on the voluntary standard, its provisions, and the ASTM subcommittee. He indicated that there was a sense that the petition was not moving swiftly through the process. He provided examples of lighters not complying with certain provisions in the voluntary standard such as flame height, flame extinction, volumetric displacement, and structural integrity. He also provided information on estimated residential structure fire injuries related to selected products and information on test reports for conformity to ASTM F400-00 for certain imported lighters.

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Thomas Kelleher and David Baker both spoke about harmonizing the requirements in the U.S. with mandatory requirements already in existence in Canada and Mexico. They indicated that the association's members represent approximately 60% of the total lighter market and that their cigarette lighters are manufactured to comply with the voluntary standard. They also represented that, despite these numbers, there was less than substantial compliance with the voluntary standard. Mr. Baker also indicated that they had meetings with our Compliance and HIR staffs where enforcement and injury information was discussed.

Commissioner Moore questioned Baker and Kelleher about injury data for lighters as it relates to child-resistant lighters, about the laboratory testing reports and about foreign manufacturers of lighters. He provided that the Commission staff plans to send a briefing package to the Commission on the petition later this year and he will give proper consideration to the staff's materials as well as all other materials provided at that time.