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SUBJECT: Flammable Fabrics Act Task Force

PLACE: CPSC Engineering Laboratory, Gaithersburg, MD

DATE: October 28, 1997 **TIME:** 11:00 AM EST

COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS:

Patricia Fairall, CRM
Marilyn Borsari, CRM
Walt Sanders, COAB
Craig Morris, EHHA

NON-COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS:

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Kay Villa ATMI
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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The Flammable Fabrics Act Task Force is developing a program which would help assure that garments sold in the U.S. are in compliance with the Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles 16 C.F.R. 1610.

The meeting began with a demonstration of the test method used for 16 C.F.R. 1610. A variety of fabrics were demonstrated to show a variety of burning behaviors. Examples included were: a light weight rayon, a heavier weight plain surface fabric, and a number of raised fiber fleece fabrics that exhibited different burning characteristics.

After the demonstration we discussed the three major parts of the program. As part of the pledge program it was suggested that firms add this program as part of their corporate safety system/policy.

There was still some concern that even though this pledge program is to be voluntary, it will become the norm that there may be some antitrust issues. Duncan Nixon was concerned that this voluntary program will be a requirement by most firms and then become "mandatory".

Some of the members were concerned about the number of burn injuries from clothing. CPSC will provide information during the next task force meeting.

Walt Sanders and CPSC staff expressed the concern that we need to make sure we try to get this program further along by the end of the year.

Kay Villa discussed the training group subcommittee and mentioned that she would be having a meeting to discuss content and get the training program going.

We then viewed a video tape from Merchandise Testing Laboratories that provided a summary and examples of the test method.

The next scheduled conference call with the main task group will be a week after CPSC provides industry with its draft of a testing program.

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