

certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with § 351.306 of the Department's regulations. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

Robert LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, March 25, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

STATUS: Closed to the Public

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: March 15, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 99-C0005]

Nordstrom, Inc., a Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Flammable Fabrics Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1605.13(d). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Nordstrom, Inc., a corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$150,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by April 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 99-C0005, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dennis C. Kacoyanis, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, 1346.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and order appears below.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

Settlement Agreement and Order

1. This Settlement Agreement and Order, entered into between Nordstrom, Inc., (hereinafter, "Nordstrom" or "Respondent"), a corporation, and the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "staff"), pursuant to the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1118.20, is a compromise resolution of the matter described herein, without a hearing or a determination of issues of law and fact.

I. The Parties

2. The "staff" is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "Commission"), an independent regulatory commission of the United States government established pursuant to Section 4 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2053.

3. Respondent Nordstrom is a corporation organized and existing

under the laws of the State Washington with principal corporate offices located in Seattle, WA. Respondent is a fashion specialty retailer selling a wide selection of apparel, shoes, and accessories of women, men, and children.

II Allegations of the Staff

A. Children's Robes

4. In 1996, Respondent sold, or offered for sale, in commerce, approximately 900 style no. G26 100% cotton girls' terry cloth robes.

5s. On or about April 12, 1996, the Commission staff collected from a Nordstrom store in King of Prussia, PA, samples of 100% girls' terry cloth robes, style no. G26. The staff found the robes displayed for sale in the children's sleepwear section of the store.

6. Children's sleepwear means any product of wearing apparel sizes 7 through 14, such as robes intended to be worn primary for sleeping or activities relating to sleeping. Given the design and length of the robes identified above, they are suitable for use for activities related to sleeping. Accordingly, the robes identified above are items of children's sleepwear and, therefore, subject to the Standard for the Flammability of Children's sleepwear, (hereinafter, "Sleepwear Standard"), 16 CFR part 1616, issued under Section 4 of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1193.

7. The staff tested samples of the robes identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 above for compliance with the requirements of the Sleepwear Standard. See 16 CFR 1616.3 and .4. The test results showed that the robes violated the requirements of the Sleepwear Standard.

8. On or about June 11, 1996, the staff informed Respondent that the robes identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 above failed to comply with the Sleepwear Standard and requested that it cease sale of the robes and correct future production.

9. Respondent knowingly sold, or offered for sale, in commerce, the robes identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, as the term "knowingly" is defined in Section 5(e)(4) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194(e)(4), in violation of Section 3 of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1192, for which a civil penalty may be imposed pursuant to section 5(e)(1) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194(e)(1).

B. Chenille Sweaters

10. In 1996, Respondent sold, or offered for sale, in commerce, approximately 8,900 style no. 3L89235P women's 90% rayon/10% nylon chenille sweaters.

11. On or about October 21, 1996, the staff collected from a Nordstrom store, in Bethesda, MD, samples of women's 90% rayon/10% chenille sweaters, style no. 3L89235P.

12. The sweaters identified in paragraphs 10 and 11 above are subject to the Clothing Standard for the Flammability of Clothing Textiles (hereinafter, "Wearing Apparel Standard"), 16 CFR Part 1610, issued under section 4 of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1193.

13. The staff tested samples of the sweaters identified in paragraphs 10 and 11 above for compliance with the requirements of the Wearing Apparel Standard. See 16 CFR 1610.3 and .4. The test results showed that the sweaters violated the requirements of the Wearing Apparel Standard and, therefore, were dangerously flammable and unsuitable for clothing because of their rapid and intense burning.

14. On or about November 1, 1996, the staff informed Respondent that the sweaters identified in paragraphs 10 and 11 above failed to comply with the Wearing Apparel Standard and requested that it cease sale of the sweaters and conduct a consumer level recall.

15. Respondent knowingly sold, or offered for sale, in commerce, the sweaters identified in paragraphs 10 and 11 above, as the term "knowingly" is defined in section 5(e)(4) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194(e)(4), in violation of Section 3 of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1192, for which a civil penalty may be imposed pursuant to Section 5(e)(1) of the FFA, 15 U.S.C. 1194(e)(1).

III. Response of Nordstrom

16. Respondent denies the allegations of the staff set forth in paragraphs 4 through 15 above. Respondent Nordstrom specifically denies that the children's robes were subject to the Sleepwear Standard. Respondent Nordstrom also specifically denies that it knowingly sold or offered for sale the chenille sweaters described in paragraphs 10 and 11 above in violation of the requirements of the Wearing Apparel Standard.

17. Nordstrom purchased the robes identified in paragraphs 4 and 5 and the chenille sweaters identified in paragraphs 10 and 11 subject to a provision contained in Nordstrom's Purchase Order by which the vendor warranted and represented that such robes and chenille sweaters comply with all applicable governmental regulations, including expressly, the

Flammable Fabrics Act and the Consumer Product Safety Act.

18. Respondent Nordstrom intended that the robes described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above be sold as beach cover-ups. The labels specifically noted that the cover-ups were not to be used as sleepwear. The robes did not constitute sleepwear as the term "sleepwear" is defined in 16 CFR 1616.2(a) and, therefore, were not subject to the Sleepwear Standard at 16 CFR Part 1616. Nevertheless, Nordstrom complied with the staff's request that the robes be further modified.

19. Upon notification by the Commission that the chenille sweaters described in paragraphs 10 and 11 above did not meet the requirements of the Wearing Apparel Standard, Respondent Nordstrom immediately ceased all sales of the garment, as well as those garments not identified by the Commission but which were composed of the same fiber content.

20. When notified by the Commission, Respondent Nordstrom promptly and diligently assisted the Commission staff in its efforts to implement recall of the sweaters described in paragraphs 10 and 11 above.

21. Respondent Nordstrom has received no reports of consumer injury resulting from the use of the robes described in paragraphs 4 and 5 above or from use of the sweaters described in paragraphs 10 and 11 above.

IV. Agreement of the Parties

22. The Commission has jurisdiction over Respondent and the subject matter of this Settlement Agreement and Order under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.*, the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), 15 U.S.C. 1191 *et seq.*; and the Federal Trade Commission Act (FTCA), 15 U.S.C. 41 *et seq.*

23. This Agreement is entered into for settlement purposes only and does not constitute an admission by Respondent or a determination by the Commission that Respondent knowingly violated the FFA and the Sleepwear and Wearing Apparel Standards.

24. Upon provisional acceptance of this Settlement Agreement and Order by the Commission, this Settlement Agreement and Order shall be placed on the public record and shall be published in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1605.13(d). If the Commission does not receive any written request not to accept the Settlement Agreement and Order within 15 days, the Settlement

Agreement and Order will be deemed to be finally accepted on the 20th day after the date it is published in the **Federal Register**.

25. Upon final acceptance of this Settlement Agreement by the Commission and issuance of the Final Order, Nordstrom knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have in this matter (1) to an administrative or judicial hearing, (2) to judicial review or other challenge or contest of the validity of the Commission's actions, (3) to a determination by the Commission as to whether Nordstrom failed to comply with the FFA and the Sleepwear and Wearing Apparel Standards as aforesaid, (4) to a statement of findings of facts and conclusions of law, and (5) to any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.

26. In settlement of the staff's allegations, Nordstrom agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$150,000.00 as set forth in the incorporated Order.

27. For purposes of section 6(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2055(b), this matter shall be treated as if a complaint had issued, and the Commission may publicize the terms of the Settlement Agreement and Order.

28. Upon final acceptance by the Commission of this Settlement Agreement and Order, the Commission shall issue the attached Order incorporated herein by reference.

29. A violation of the attached Order shall subject Respondent to appropriate legal action.

30. Agreements, understandings, representations, or interpretations made outside this Settlement Agreement and Order may not be used to vary or contradict its terms.

31. The provisions of this Settlement Agreement and Order shall apply to Nordstrom and each of its successors and assigns.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Erik B. Nordstrom,
Co-President Nordstrom, Inc., 1617 Sixth
Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

Respondent Nordstrom, Inc.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

D. Wayne Gittinger, Esq.,
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Dated: January 21, 1999.

Dennis C. Kacoyanis,
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Ronald G. Yelenik,
Trial Attorney, Legal Division, Office of
Compliance.

Order

Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement entered into between Respondent Nordstrom, Inc., (hereinafter, "Respondent"), a corporation, and the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("Commission"); and the Commission having jurisdiction over the subject matter and Respondent; and it appearing that the Settlement Agreement and Order is in the public interest, *it is*

Ordered, that the Settlement Agreement and Order be and hereby is accepted, as indicated below; *and it is*

Further ordered, that Respondent pay to the United States Treasury a civil penalty of *one hundred fifty thousand dollars* (\$150,000.00) within twenty (20) days after service upon Respondent of the Final Order.

Provisionally accepted and Provisional Order issued on the 11th day of March, 1999.

By Order of the Commission.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Cost Sharing Cooperative Agreement Applications

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency (DLA).

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for cost sharing cooperative agreement applications.

SUMMARY: The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) has issued a solicitation for cooperative agreement applications (SCAA) to assist state and local governments and other nonprofit eligible entities in establishing or maintaining procurement technical assistance centers (PTACs). These centers help business firms market their goods and services to the Department of Defense (DoD), other federal agencies, and state and/or local government agencies. This solicitation applies to all

applications from all eligible entities, including Indian Economic Enterprises and Indian Tribal Organizations. Contrary to previous notices, no separate solicitation will be issued for cooperative agreement proposals to assist Indian Economic Enterprises and Indian Tribal Organizations. This solicitation will govern the submission of applications for calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002.

DATES: The closing date for the submission of applications is April 30, 1999. The SCAA is available for review on the Internet Website:

<http://www.dla.mil/ddas/scaa>

Printed copies are not available for distribution.

Eligible entities may only submit an application as outlined in Section IV of the SCAA. In order to comply with the electronic portion of the submission, applicants must obtain a log in account and password from DLA. To obtain these, applicants must furnish the Grants Officer written evidence that they meet the criteria of an eligible entity as set forth in paragraph 14 of Section II of the SCAA. This information should be mailed or otherwise delivered to: HQ, Defense Logistics Agency, Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization Office (DDAS Room 1127), 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6221.

Two pre-solicitation conferences will be held; the first is 1:00 P.M., on the March 23, 1999 at the Camberley Gunther Hotel, San Antonio, Texas. The second conference will be held at 9:30 A.M., Tuesday, March 30, 1999 at Ft. Belvoir, VA. If you plan to attend the Ft. Belvoir conference please notify DLA not later than March 24, 1999, of your intentions by mailing, faxing (703-767-1670) or e-mailing (pta_administrator@hq.dla.mil) your name, organization, and the number of people planning to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Mr. Kenneth G. Dougherty at (703) 767-1657 or Ms. Diana Maykowskyj at (703) 767-1656.

Anthony J. Kuders,
Deputy Director, Small and Disadvantaged
Business Utilization.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address *Pat Sherrill@ed.gov*, or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are