

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CONCERNING CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY  
BETWEEN THE**

**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**AND THE**

**CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY  
OF THE ARAB REPUBLIC OF EGYPT**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission of the United States of America (CPSC) and the Consumer Protection Agency of the Arab Republic of Egypt, hereinafter referred to as the "Participants,"

- **RECOGNIZING** that the CPSC is an independent federal regulatory agency created to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products and is charged with administering and enforcing the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. § 2051-2084) (CPSA), the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. §1261-1278) (FHSA), the Flammable Fabrics Act (15 U.S.C. § 1191-1204) (FFA), the Poison Prevention Packaging Act (15 U.S.C. § 1471-1476) (PPPA) and the Refrigerator Safety Act (15 U.S.C. § 1211-1214) (RSA);
- **RECOGNIZING** that the Consumer Protection Agency of the Arab Republic of Egypt is an independent government agency working under the Ministry of Trade and Industry, responsible for protecting the interests, welfare and safety of consumers in Egypt and creating awareness of consumer rights amongst suppliers and consumers; and implementing the articles of law 67 of the year 2006 on consumer protection; and
- **RECOGNIZING** that the laws of both countries may contain certain restrictions on sharing information, and that nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) requires the Participants to provide information if such disclosure is prohibited by the laws, applicable regulations, or enforcement policies in their respective countries.

**HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:**

**PART - I**

The Participants understand that any and all cooperation by a Participant under this MOU

is subject to that Participant's sole discretion, including the Participant's availability of funds, resources, and legal authority. To the extent cooperation is authorized by the respective Participants, the Participants intend to:

- Exchange information and documents relating to consumer product safety and the welfare of consumers, which may include, but are not limited to, the
  - exchange of information on major consumer product recalls and other corrective actions;
  - exchange of information on risk assessments and consumer product testing; and
  - exchange of notifications of known future shipments of possibly unsafe consumer products into the jurisdiction of the other Participant.
- Develop training programs for officials and non-officials related to consumer product safety; and
- Exchange officials, technical experts, and professionals in the area of consumer product safety to carry out specific programs of mutual cooperation.

## **PART - II**

To derive maximum protection of the public from dangerous consumer products by cooperation under this MOU, the Participants hope to meet periodically through delegations at the appropriate level, which are to be determined by the scope of work and nature of the proceedings. Such meetings should address and promote the activities listed in PART I of this MOU and other mutually determined programs and facilitate the planning of additional programs in the future.

## **PART- III**

Cooperation under this MOU may commence immediately upon the date of signature of this MOU by both Participants and is expected to continue for a period of three years. The Participants intend to review the cooperation under the MOU on or before the third anniversary date of this MOU. If a Participant wishes to end its cooperation under this MOU, it should endeavour to provide at least 30 days advance written notice to the other Participant.

If a Participant wishes to modify the MOU, it may do so only in writing and with the mutual understanding of the other Participant.

All notices under this MOU are to be directed to:

CPSC:

Director, Office of International Programs and Intergovernmental Affairs, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD, 20814, U.S.A., international@cpsc.gov

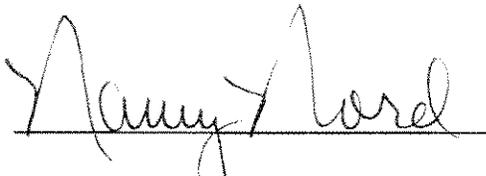
Egyptian Consumer Protection Agency:

Chairman, Consumer Protection Agency, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Address 124B, Smart Village, Cairo Alexandria Desert Road, Giza, Egypt, International@cpa.gov.eg

Signed in Bethesda, Maryland, United States of America and Cairo, Egypt.

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January 8, 2008  
DATE

JAN. 13. 2008  
DATE