

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
CONCERNING CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY
BETWEEN THE
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND THE
DIRECTORATE FOR STANDARDS AND QUALITY
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM**

The Consumer Product Safety Commission of the United States of America (CPSC) and the Directorate for Standards and Quality (STAMEQ) of the Ministry of Science and Technology of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam hereinafter referred to as the "Participants,"

- **RECOGNIZING** that the CPSC is an independent federal regulatory agency formed to protect the public against unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products and is charged with implementing the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), the U.S. Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), the U.S. Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), the U.S. Poison Prevention Packaging Act (PPPA), and the U.S. Refrigerator Safety Act (RSA);
- **RECOGNIZING** that the STAMEQ, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, is the Governmental Body under Ministry of Science and Technology, which undertakes the function of State management on standardization, metrology and quality of products and goods and is charged with implementing the Vietnam Standards and Technical Regulations Law, Vietnam Products and Goods Quality Act, Vietnam Metrology Act, Vietnam Labelling Decree;
- **RECOGNIZING** that the laws of both countries may contain certain restrictions on information disclosure, and that nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) calls on the Participants to provide information if such disclosure is prohibited by the laws, other applicable regulations, or enforcement policies in their respective countries;

HAVE REACHED THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

PART – I

The Participants understand that any and all activities under this MOU are subject to the availability of funds, resources, and laws governing the respective Participants, and intend to:

- Exchange information and documents relating to consumer product safety, welfare and awareness of consumers;
- Develop and/or participate in training programs for officials and non-officials dealing with the subject of consumer product safety; and
- Exchange officials, experts, and professionals in the areas of consumer product safety to carry out specific programs of mutual cooperation.

PART – II

To derive maximum benefit from this MOU, the Participants hope to meet periodically through delegations at the appropriate level. The meetings should help to advance 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 is expected to begin on the date of signature by both Participants and to continue for a period of three years. The Participants intend to undertake a review of the cooperative relationship between CPSC and STAMEQ under the MOU on or before the third anniversary date of this MOU. Each Participant intends to provide the other Participant at least 30 days notice of its decision to end its participation under the MOU.

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Signed in Bethesda, Maryland, United States of America and Hanoi, Vietnam.

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



NANCY NORD
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DATE

15 January 2008

FOR THE DIRECTORATE
FOR STANDARDS AND QUALITY
OF THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM



NGO QUY VIET
DIRECTOR GENERAL

DATE

26 December 2007