



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Acting Chairman Nancy A. Nord
 Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

ITEM:

Technical Amendment to the Flammability Standards for Carpets and Rugs
(Briefing package dated October 3, 2006)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (2-0) to instruct the staff to prepare a draft notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPR") regarding the flammability standards for carpets and rugs in accordance with the staff recommendation. The Commission administers two flammability standards for carpets and rugs: 16 C.F.R. Part 1630 – Standard for the Flammability of Carpets and Rugs; and 16 C.F.R. Part 1631 – Standard for the Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs. The standards establish minimum acceptance criteria for the surface flammability of carpets and rugs when exposed to a standard small source of ignition under prescribed conditions (the "pill test"). The recommendation proposed (with an immediate effective date) to amend the standards to remove the reference to Eli Lilly Company Product No. 1588 in Catalog No. 79, December 1, 1969, as the standard ignition source and provide a technical specification defining the ignition source. The staff's proposed specification for the standard ignition source is a timed burning tablet, consisting of pure methenamine, with a nominal heat of combustion value of 7180 calories/gram, a mass of 150 mg \pm 5 mg, flat, and a nominal diameter of 6 mm.

For the Commission:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Stevenson".

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due October 10, 2006