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David R. Loveless, President
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Dear Mr. Loveless:

This is in reply to your letter dated August 8, 1973. In your letter, you inquire whether the Consumer Product Safety Commission has regulatory authority relating to boat safety.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has no jurisdiction over boats. Section 3(a)(1)(g) of the Act (copy enclosed) provides that boats are excluded from the definition of "consumer product." However, in those instances where consumer products are used on boats, e.g., an oven or freezer, they may be subject to the Commission's regulations.

The Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 provides for the establishment and enforcement of safety standards for boats and associated equipment. This Act is administered by the Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20591. On future inquiries, you may wish to communicate with this agency.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Brown

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Acting General Counsel

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