6 b ok

60

JAN 4 1974

Honorable John O. Pastore
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Pastore:

Chairman Simpson has asked me to respond to your letter of December 6 in which you brought to our attention a resolution of the Atlantic Fisheries Biologists regarding the danger of overhead high-tension electrical wires coming into contact with metal sailboat masts.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission does not have jurisdiction over either sailboat masts or the placement of overhead high-tension electrical lines. Section 3(a)(1)(G) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (15 U.S.C. 2051, 2052(a)(1)(G)) specifically excludes from Commission jurisdiction boats, vessels, and equipment which could be subject to safety regulation by the U. S. Coast Guard under the Federal Boat Safety Act of 1971 (46 U. S. C. 1451, et seq.). The height of overhead high-tension electrical wires is not within our jurisdiction because such wires are excluded from the definition of consumer product under Section 3 of the Consumer Product Safety Act.

We have taken the liberty of advising the U. S. Coast Guard of the problem you have raised. A copy of your letter was forwarded to Captain Raymond Wood, Office of Congressional Affairs, U. S. Coast Guard (G-CC/104), Washington, D. C. 20590.

Please let me know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
BARBARA A. LUDDEN
Mrs. Barbara A. Ludden
Director of Congressional Relations

MAFreeston:epj:12/28/73:GC-2179
cc:
Secretary
B. Ludden
Chairman Simpson
gc chron
gc file
Executive Director
D. Early, OSCA
T. Boyd