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MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** NOV 10 1999

**TO** : The Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Federal Register Notice Correcting CPSC's Statement of Organization and Functions in the Code of Federal Regulations

Ballot Vote due NOV 22 1999

The Freedom of Information Act requires agencies to publish their organizational structures in the Federal Register. The reorganization of the former Directorate of Epidemiology and Health Sciences into separate Directorates requires revision of our current statement of organization and functions as codified at 16 CFR Part 1000.

The attached Federal Register notice, which has been reviewed by the affected organizations, will make the necessary revisions. If it reaches the Office of the Federal Register by December 12, the corrections will appear in next year's Code of Federal Regulations.

Please indicate your vote on the following options.

I. Approve the Federal Register notice as drafted.

(Signature) (Date)

NOTE: This document has not been reviewed or accepted by the Commission.
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II. Approve the Federal Register notice with the following changes (Please Specify):

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II. Do not approve the Federal Register notice.

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(Signature) (Date)

IV. OTHER (please specify).

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(Signature) (Date)

Attachment(s)

[Billing Code 6335-01]

Consumer Product Safety Commission

16 CFR Part 1000

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission is amending its statement of organization and functions to reflect the division of the Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences into separate directorates for epidemiolgy and for health sciences.

EFFECTIVE DATE: [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph F. Rosenthal, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone 301-504-0980.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Commission has separated the former Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences into a separate Directorate for Epidemiology and a separate Directorate for Health Sciences. To reflect this change, section 1000.27 is being revised to remove descriptions of the health sciences functions that have been incorporated in a new section 1000.28. Some editorial changes have also been made. Section 1000.12(c), listing the organizational units reporting to the Assistant Executive Director for Hazard Identification and Reduction, is being revised to separately list the Directorate for Epidemiology and the Directorate for Health Sciences.

Since this rule relates solely to internal agency management, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b), notice and other public procedures are not required and it is effective immediately upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Further, this action is not a rule as defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, and, thus, is exempt from the provisions of the Act.

**List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 1000**

Organization and functions (government agencies).

Accordingly, Part 1000 is amended as follows:

**PART 1000--[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for part 1000 continues to read as follows

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

2. Paragraph (c) of section 1000.12 is revised to read as follows:

**§ 1000.12 Organizational structure.**

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(c) The following units report directly to the Assistant Executive Director for Hazard Identification and Reduction:

(1) Directorate for Economic Analysis;

(2) Directorate for Epidemiology;

(3) Directorate for Health Sciences;

(4) Directorate for Engineering Sciences;

(5) Directorate for Laboratory Sciences.

3. Sections 1000.28 and 1000.29 are redesignated as sections 1000.29 and 1000.30 respectively.

4. Section 1000.27 is revised to read as follows;

**§ 1000.27 Directorate for Epidemiology.**

The Directorate for Epidemiology, managed by the Associate Executive Director for Epidemiology, is responsible for the collection and analysis of data on injuries and deaths associated with consumer products. The Directorate has two divisions: the Data Systems Division and the Hazard Analysis Division. The Data Systems Division operates the national data collection systems which provide the data that serve as the basis for the Commission's estimates of the numbers of deaths and injuries associated with consumer products. These data systems include the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System, a nationally representative sample of hospital emergency departments; a death certificate file, which contains data obtained from death certificates on deaths associated with consumer products; and the Injury and Potential Injury Incident file, which contains information on incidents associated with consumer products, based on news clips, medical examiner reports, hotline reports, internet complaints, referrals, etc. The Hazard Analysis Division conducts statistical analysis of these data and conducts epidemiologic studies to estimate the numbers of injuries and deaths associated with various consumer products and to examine factors associated with these injuries and deaths. In addition, staff in the Hazard Analysis Division design special

studies, design and analyze data from experiments for testing of consumer products; and provide statistical expertise and advice to Commission staff in support of regulation development.

5. Section 1000.28 is added to read as follows:

**§ 1000.27 Directorate for Health Sciences.**

The Directorate for Health Sciences is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Health Sciences and is responsible for reviewing and evaluating the human health effects and hazards related to consumer products and assessing exposure, uptake and metabolism, including information on population segments at risk. Directorate staff conducts health studies and research in the field of consumer product-related injuries. The Directorate performs risk assessments for chemical, physiological and physical hazards based on methods such as medical injury modeling, and on injury and incident data for mechanical, thermal, chemical and electrical hazards in consumer products. It provides the Commission's primary source of scientific expertise for implementation of the Poison Prevention Packaging Act and the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. The Directorate assists in the development and evaluation of product safety standards and test methods based on scientific and public health principles. It provides support to the Commission's regulatory development and enforcement activities. It manages hazard identification and analysis, and hazard assessment and reduction projects as assigned. The Directorate provides liaison with the National

Toxicology Program, the Department of Health and Human Services (including the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health), the Occupational Health and Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, other federal agencies and programs, and other organizations concerned with reducing the risk to consumers from exposure to consumer product hazards. The Directorate is responsible for managing and safeguarding confidential business information received from the Environmental Protection Agency in accordance with the requirements of that agency.

Dated:_____

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Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary

Consumer Product Safety Commission