



## U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Record of Commission Action  
Commissioners Voting by Ballot\*

This is a DRAFT RCA.  
It will be replaced by a Final RCA.

Commissioners Voting:      Chairman Inez M. Tenenbaum  
   Commissioner Nancy A. Nord  
   Commissioner Robert S. Adler

### ITEM:

Ross Stores, Inc., et al., - Proposed Civil Penalty Settlement of \$3.9 Million and Additional Obligations for Alleged Violations of Section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (Briefing package dated June 13, 2013, OS No. 3746)

### DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to provisionally accept the attached Settlement Agreement and Order, which would order Ross Stores, Inc., Ross Procurement, Inc., Ross Merchandising, Inc., and Ross Dress for Less (Ross or the Firm) of Pleasanton, CA to pay a civil penalty of \$3.9 million and comply with additional obligations. The provisional Settlement Agreement and Final Order will be announced in a *Federal Register* Notice. The Commission's Compliance Division of the Office of General Counsel negotiated the proposed agreement to settle staff allegations that the Firm knowingly failed to report in a timely manner under section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b), information regarding strangulation defects and risks of children's garments with drawstrings. Section 20(a)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2069(a)(1), permits the imposition of civil penalties for any person who knowingly violates section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2068(a)(4), by failing to report information under section 15(b).

For the Commission:

Todd A. Stevenson  
Secretary

\*Ballot vote due June 19, 2013