

LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting with Representatives from Underwriters Laboratories (UL) to Discuss Toy Testing

DATE OF MEETING: May 1, 1997

PLACE: CPSC Headquarters
4330 East West Hwy.
Bethesda, MD

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES *JP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Robert Hundemer, LSE
Frank Krivda, CRM
Sad Nakamura
John Preston, ES

Terri Rogers, CCA
Andrew Stadnik, AED ES
Debbie Tinsworth, EHHA
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NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

David Haataja, UL
Bob Harris, UL

Paul Moliski, Intertek
Christine Eames, PSL

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was requested by UL to discuss toy testing and third party certification of toys or toy manufacturers.

The UL representatives asked if CPSC staff is contemplating any changes to the existing Federal regulations for toys. In response, staff noted that there is a 1997 project to explore the feasibility of harmonizing the U.S. regulations with those in Canada. It was also noted that another 1997 project is comparing the requirements in the Federal regulation for pacifiers with those in a Canadian standard that is somewhat more stringent than the U.S. regulation.

John Preston mentioned that there is currently an effort spearheaded by the Toy Manufacturers of America (TMA) to develop a global standard for toy safety. Preston noted that there would be a meeting of an ISO technical committee (ISO TC 181) in Washington, DC on June 24-27 to discuss provisions for the global toy safety standard.

In response to a question from UL regarding whether Section 15 actions related to toys are going up or down, staff responded that such actions have been relatively constant over the past few years.

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