U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Conformity Assessment

DATE OF MEETING: April 27, 2001

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: William H. King, Jr., ES

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LOCATION: National Institute of Standards and Technology

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): William H. King, Jr., ES

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):
Walter Leight, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)
Joan Sterling, Intertek Testing Services (ITS)
Belinda Collins, NIST
Sandra Hale, NIST
Elizabeth Parker, NIST
Jose Antonio Dajes, National Institute for the Defense of Competition and the
Protection of Intellectual Property, PERU
Luis Olivera, General Bureau of Standards, MEXICO
Dr. Evelinda Trindade, National Agency for Sanitary Supervision, BRAZIL
and other attendees at the NIST workshop on Conformity Assessment in the
Americas
SUMMARY OF MEETING: Mr. King attended one day of this NIST workshop. A copy of the program is attached. A copy of the materials presented by Mr. King is also attached.
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National Institute of Standards and Technology
Conformity Assessment in the Americas
23 – 27 April 2001
Argentina - Brazil - Canada - Chile - Colombia - Mexico - Peru - Uruguay
United States

OPENING

8:00 AM Bus pick-up from Holiday Inn Bethesda

8:45-9:15 AM Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Belinda L. Collins, Director
Office of Standards Services, NIST

Dr. Richard F. Kayser, Director
Technology Services, NIST

9:15-9:45 AM NIST Operations
Magdalena Navarro
Office of International and Academic Affairs, NIST

9:45-10:00 AM NIST Centennial Video

10:00-10:15 AM BREAK

10:15-10:45 AM NIST in Our Community
Tour of Lobby Displays
Gail Porter
Public and Business Affairs, NIST

GLOBAL MARKET ACCESS

10:45-11:45 PM Market Access and the Role Conformity Assessment Plays
Manuel Fernando Lousada Soares
Director of Technological Policy Department
Secretary for Industrial Technology
Ministerio do Desenvolvimento, Industria e Comercio Exterior, Brazil

11:45-2:00 PM WELCOME LUNCH – Hosted by Intertek Testing Services (ITS)
Summit Station Restaurant
Gaithersburg, Maryland
Group Photo

2:00-3:00 PM  
Overview of Conformity Assessment
Steve Roll, Consultant

Peter Clark
Canada

3:00-3:30 PM  
A Perspective: The Scope of ISO 9000
Lane Hallenbeck, Vice President, Conformity Assessment
American National Standards Institute (ANSI)

3:30-3:45 PM
BREAK

3:45-4:45 PM  
Panel: Quality System Certification
Moderator – Lane Hallenbeck

FOCUS QUESTION: Is there a role for Quality System Certification in facilitating market access? What does and doesn’t Quality System Certification do?

German Flores y Gomez
Mexico

Pablo Benia
Uruguay

Reinaldo B. Figueiredo

Steve Marquedant
National Technical Systems (NTS)

4:45-5:30 PM
Panel Discussion

5:30 PM
Depart for Hotel

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Tuesday, 24 April 2001
NIST Administration Bldg. 101, Lecture Room - B

8:15 AM
Bus pick-up from Hotel
GLOBAL MARKET ACCESS continued

9:00 – 10:30 AM
Panel: Third Party Product Certification
Moderator: Jim Walters, Director, International Standards
Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Institute (ARI)

FOCUS QUESTION: What is the biggest challenge facing third party product certification in your country?

Peter Clark
Canada

Fernando Yanez
Chile

Cesar Eduardo Silva Padilla
Mexico

Alberto Federico Schiuma
Argentina

U.S.A.

10:30 – 11:00 AM
BREAK

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Panel Discussion

12:30 – 1:45 PM
LUNCH – NIST Cafeteria

1:45 – 2:45 PM
Self Declaration and How It Works – A U.S. Perspective
John M. Godfrey, Director, Technology Policy Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)

2:45 – 3:45 PM
Panel: The Use of Self Declaration of Conformance
Moderator: John Godfrey

FOCUS QUESTION: To what extent is SDoC used in your country?

Alberto Mario Galani
Argentina

Alfredo Carlos Orphao Lobo
Brazil

Bill Maxwell (HP)
U.S.A.

John Deere or Caterpillar
U.S.A.

3:45-4:00 PM  BREAK

4:00-5:00 PM  Panel Discussion

5:00 PM  Depart for Washington, D.C.

6:00 PM  Reception
Hosted by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
Old Ebbitt Grille
675 15th Street NW
Washington, D.C.
202 347 4800

8:00 AM  Bus pick up from hotel

8:45-9:00 AM  The Evolvement of Private Sector Regulatory Conformity Assessment
Mary H. Saunders, Chief
Global Standards Program, NIST

9:00-10:30 AM  Panel: Use of the Private Sector in Regulatory Conformity Assessment
Moderator: Mary Saunders

FOCUS QUESTION: Why is the government using the private sector for conformity assessment, and how is this done?

Julius Knapp
FCC

Linda Horton
FDA

Milton Bush (The M Companies)
U.S.A.

David Wizda (ASME)
U.S.A.
ANATEL
Brazil

Eblin Rocio
Colombia

10:30-10:45 AM  BREAK

10:45-11:45 AM  Panel Discussion

11:45 AM-1:00 PM  LUNCH - NIST cafeteria

1:00 – 1:45 PM  Pathways to the Marketplace

1:45 – 4:30 PM  Panel: Success Stories in Reaching the Marketplace

FOCUS QUESTION: Imports and Exports: How I sell and How I Buy

U.S.A.

Enrique Patino
Uruguay

Carmen Catter
Peru

Miguel Aguilar Romo
Mexico

Carlos Alberto Mateus
Colombia

3:15 – 3:30 PM  BREAK

Pablo Javier Ortiz Diaz
Chile

William McCrum
Canada

Melvin Cymbalista
Brazil
Silvio Peist
Argentina

4:30 – 5:30 PM  Panel Discussion

5:30 PM  Depart for Hotel

8:00 AM  Bus pick up from Hotel

9:30 AM  Site Visit – Customs, Dulles International Airport or Baltimore Harbor
          Mark Goins
          Customs, San Francisco

          Briefings

          LUNCH

2:00-4:00 PM  Site Visit
              Tour

5:30 PM  Bus arrival at Hotel

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Friday, 27 April 2001

8:00 AM  Bus pick-up from hotel

8:45-9:15 AM  The Evolution of Product Safety and Performance
              William King
              Chief Engineer for Electrical and Fire Safety
              Consumer Product Safety Commission

9:15-10:15  Panel: Product Safety and Performance
            Moderator: William King

            FOCUS QUESTION: Who are the parties ensuring product safety in your country?

            Luis Vazquez
            Mexico
Augusto Ruijoba
Peru
U.S.A.

10:15-10:30 AM BREAK
10:30-11:30 AM Breakout Session

WRAP UP

11:30 AM -1:00 PM Participant Forum
Country Presentations: Immediate Next Steps to Market Access

1:00 PM Closing
1:30 PM Departure
The Evolution of Product Safety and Performance

William H. King, Jr.
April 27, 2001

Evolution of Consumer Product Safety in the U.S.

- Prior to 1960s
  - Private sector, local governments
  - Little Federal government involvement
- During the 1960s
  - Flammable fabrics, child protection (toys, furniture), poison prevention
  - National Commission on Product Safety
  - New legislation creates CPSC
- CPSC begins in May 1973
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)

- Independent Federal regulatory agency
- Three Commissioners appointed by the President
- Current budget: $52 million for 2001, 480 staff

CPSC Mission and Strategy

- To protect consumers against unreasonable risks of injury and death
- To recall unsafe products from the marketplace
- To improve standards (voluntary or mandatory)
- To inform consumers regarding safety issues
CPSC PRODUCT JURISDICTION
15,000 TYPES OF PRODUCTS
Most products found in the home, EXCEPT:

- Tobacco products
- Medical devices
- Food and drugs
- Motor vehicles
- Boats
- Aircraft
- Firearms
- Pesticides
- Cosmetics
- Workplace products

CPSC FUNCTIONS

- Collect & Analyze Data
- Perform Applied Research
- Encourage Voluntary Standards
- Require Performance Safety Standards
- Require Safety Labeling
- Require Special Packaging
- Enforce regulations
- Recall Defective Products
- Ban Hazardous Products
- Inform Consumers
Contacting CPSC

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