

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Phthalate Substitutes

DATE: December 15, 2009

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: CPSC Headquarters

ENTRY SOURCE: Michael A. Babich, HSHS

COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES: Michael Babich, Kent Carlson (by phone), Mary Ann Danello, David DiMatteo, Harleigh Ewell, Jacqueline Ferrante, Michael Greene, Treye Thomas, Marilyn Wind, William Zamula.

NON-PHTHALATE ESTER PLASTICIZERS PANEL REPRESENTATIVES: Dean Finney, Ferro; Mark Holt, Eastman Chemicals; Kristy Morrison, American Chemistry Council; Stephen O'Rourke, HallStar; Joel Tenney, ICL-IP; Michael Watson, Genovique.

OTHER NON FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES: Matthew Cohen, Mintz Levin; Megha Rajagopalan, New America Foundation.

SUMMARY:

The meeting was requested by the Non-Phthalate Esters Plasticizer Panel of the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Mr. Holt gave a brief presentation on non-phthalate ester plasticizers, which was followed by a general discussion. In response to questions from the Panel, the Dr. Babich said that CPSC does not have the ability to approve phthalate substitutes before they are used in consumer products. The Chronic Hazard Advisory Panel (CHAP) on phthalates will recommend to the Commission whether to make the interim ban on three phthalates (DINP, DIDP, and DnOP) permanent and whether any other phthalates or phthalate substitutes should be regulated. The Panel asked which phthalate substitutes the CHAP would review. The CPSC staff replied that the CHAP will determine this. When the Panel asked about opportunities to provide information to the CHAP, Dr. Babich replied that past CHAP's generally invited comments from the public during the second meeting, although there may be additional opportunities to provide data, such as at the request of the CHAP. Furthermore, the CPSC staff indicated that any new or unpublished data relating to toxicity, exposure, or product use would be helpful to the CHAP and to the CPSC staff. The Panel or its members may submit data to the CPSC staff. Submissions will be made available to the public.

Attachments:
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