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SUBJECT: Meeting with Chairman Tenenbaum & American Fireworks Standards Laboratory

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LOCATION: Room 724, CPSC Headquarters

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Chairman Tenenbaum, Matt Howsare, Demar Granados, Dottie Lee

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): John Rogers, John Conkling, Tad Trout, Alan Zoldan

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Representatives from the American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) met with Chairman Tenenbaum and staff to provide an overview of their organization and discuss issues pertinent to the fireworks industry. AFSL discussed their role as a liason between CPSC and the fireworks industry. AFSL also discussed their training and education for certified technicians in China who test, track and certify all shipments to the United States. ASFL stated that their certified technicians undergo an annual, rigorous training program to maintain their certification. ASFL also discussed their innovative tracking system to control for counterfeit products and ensure safety and

security. ASFL demonstrated how they serve as a clearinghouse for members to file certificates, track compliance data and shipments. Additionally, AFSL stated that they have a voluntary standards committee that enforces additional, stringent requirements for member's certification. AFSL also discussed the problems facing the industry involving snappers and manufacturers outside of their program that import overloaded fireworks. AFSL stated that incorporating some of the provisions of their voluntary standard into CPSC regulations would be a step forward in combating these types of issues.