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SUBJECT: Meeting between the Specialty Graphics Imaging Association (SGIA) and the Small Business Ombudsman

DATE OF MEETING: May 9, 2011

PLACE OF MEETING: Specialty Graphics Imaging Association
10015 Main Street
Fairfax, VA 22031

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Neal S. Cohen, Small Business Ombudsman

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Neal S. Cohen, Small Business Ombudsman
John Boja, Office of Compliance
Matthew Dreyfus, Office of Laboratory Science

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:
Marcia Kinter, SGIA
Brian Condon, SGIA
Susan Pinta, SGIA
Johnny Shell, SGIA
Ray Greenwood, SGIA

Steve Lamar, American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA)
Michael McDonald, AAFA

Mary Foley, PSL - Press

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Marci Kinter introduced the SGIA, its membership, and the services it provides to its member businesses. The meeting was requested by the SGIA. Each printing trade organization tends to represent a type of printing system. The SGIA mainly represents screen printers and wide format digital image printers. The SGIA represents businesses in those industries from the ink manufacturers to the actual screen printers.

Neal Cohen stated that the CPSC staff was there to learn about some of the technical aspects to the screen printing process and that CPSC staff had come to the SGIA headquarters because the SGIA had offered a technical demonstration of the screen printing process from stretching the screen through the cleanup process. Neal Cohen

indicated that he receives many inquiries from small businesses on the topic of screen printing.

Johnny Shell and Ray Greenwood then proceeded to provide an in-depth, hands-on demonstration of the screen printing process and provided information on the use and makeup of textile ink systems. SGIA staff repeatedly emphasized that each substrate often required a different printing and ink system and that each such system had different technical requirements and issues.

SGIA staff indicated the large textile ink manufacturers have been third party testing and certifying their inks as CPSIA compliant with the lead requirements. SGIA staff also discussed their concerns about testing repeatability with regards to the phthalates testing procedure.