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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20207

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Date: APR 15 2002

TO : The Commission
Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary

THROUGH: Thomas W. Murr, Acting Executive Director *TW Murr*

FROM : Stephen Lemberg, Acting General Counsel *SL*
Patricia M. Pollitzer, Attorney *PP*

SUBJECT : Petition requesting standard for hunting tree stands and ban of waist restraints
in tree stands

BALLOT VOTE due: APR 23 2002

The Office of the General Counsel has determined that a submission dated March 20, 2002, from Carol Pollack-Nelson requesting that the Commission issue regulations establishing a standard for hunting tree stands and banning waist belt restraints used with tree stands should be docketed as a petition under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

In accordance with the Commission directive on procedures for petitions (0605), the Office of the General Counsel has drafted a notice for publication in the Federal Register inviting comments on the petition for a period of 60 days. The draft notice is attached. EXHR recommends that the Commission issue the notice.

Please indicate your vote on the following options.

- I. Approve the draft Federal Register notice without change.

Signature

Date

NOTE: This document has not been reviewed or accepted by the Commission.
Initial rlh Date 4/15/02

II. Approve the draft Federal Register notice with the following changes (please specify):

Signature

Date

III. Do not approve the draft Federal Register notice.

Signature

Date

IV. Take other action (please specify):

Signature

Date

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

**Petition Requesting Standard for Hunting Tree Stands and Ban of
Waist Belt Restraints Used with Hunting Tree**

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has received a petition (CP 02-3) requesting that the Commission issue a consumer product safety standard for hunting tree stands and ban waist belt restraints used with the stands. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive comments on the petition by [insert date 60 days after publication in the **Federal Register**].

ADDRESSES: Comments, preferably in five copies, on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 02-3, Petition on Hunting Tree Stands." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received correspondence from Carol Pollack-Nelson, Ph.D., requesting that the Commission issue regulations that would establish a mandatory standard for hunting tree stands to address the risk of falling, and ban waist belt restraints used with the tree stands. The Commission is docketing this request as a petition under the Consumer Product Safety Act. 15 U.S.C. §§ 2056 and 2058. The petitioner states that incident reports and medical literature show that serious injuries and death are associated with hunting tree stands and waist belt restraints. She states that "regulation is needed to ensure that stands are designed with optimal materials and instructions in order to reduce the likelihood of a fall." She also states that, although waist belts are intended to prevent injury, they have been involved in four fatalities where hunters were asphyxiated by them.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. Copies of the petition are also available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the

Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West
Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dated: _____

Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission