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Washington, D.C. 20207

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 9 1997

TO : The Commission  
Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary

Through: Pamela Gilbert, Executive Director

FROM : Jeffrey Bromme, General Counsel  
Stephen Lemberg, Assistant General Counsel  
Patricia M. Pollitzer, Attorney, OGC

SUBJECT: Petition requesting development of safety standard for shopping carts

BALLOT VOTE due: MAY 21 1997

The Office of the General Counsel has determined that correspondence from Mr. John S. Morse, Ph.D., PE, requesting that the Commission develop a safety standard to prevent shopping carts from tipping over should be docketed as a petition for rulemaking under the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"). Copies of the petition and the memorandum from this office to the staff concerning the petition are attached at TAB A.

In accordance with the Commission directive on procedures for petitions (0605.0), the Office of the General Counsel has drafted a notice for publication in the Federal Register to invite written comments on the petition from all interested parties for a period of 60 days. The draft notice is attached at TAB B. The staff recommends that the Commission issue the notice.

Please indicate your vote on the following options.

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

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Date

NOTE: This document has not been reviewed or accepted by the Commission.  
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II. Approve the draft Federal Register notice with the following changes (please specify):

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III. Do not approve the draft Federal Register notice.

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IV. Take other action (please specify):

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Petition Requesting Development of Safety Standard  
for Shopping Carts**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has received a petition from Mr. John S. Morse, Ph.D., PE, requesting that the Commission develop a safety standard to prevent shopping carts from tipping over. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

**DATES:** Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary 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 [cpssc-os@cpssc.gov](mailto:cpssc-os@cpssc.gov). Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 97-2, Petition for Development of a Safety Standard for Shopping Carts." 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 Mr. John S. Morse, Ph.D., PE, which requests that the Commission develop a safety standard to prevent shopping carts from tipping over to the side or rear. The Commission is docketing the correspondence as a petition under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051 et seq. Mr. Morse notes that he believes shopping carts are dangerous to children. The petition asks that the requested standard require that all shopping carts meet certain performance tests.

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. A copy of the petition is 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:

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Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary  
Consumer Product Safety Commission