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**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
LOG OF TELEPHONE CALL**

SUBJECT: Lead-cored candlewicks

DATE OF TELEPHONE CALL: 10-29-02

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Kristina Hatlelid, Directorate for Health Sciences

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: 10-31-02

LOCATION: CPSC

CPSC PARTICIPANT(S): Kristina Hatlelid

NON-CPSC PARTICIPANT(S): Tonya Arrasmith, Atkins & Pearce, Inc.

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CALL: In the public comment, submitted to CPSC in response to the April 24, 2002, notice of proposed rulemaking, Atkins & Pearce, Inc. suggested that metal-cored wicks could be produced with a color-coded thread in the wick braid that would allow visual identification and tracking of wick lots. As a follow-up to that, Ms. Arrasmith informed me that they have recently completed testing wicks with the proposed tracer threads and found that the candles behaved differently with the new wicks. Thus, candle manufacturers would have to do testing of their own to find candle-wick combinations that work well. This would add to the costs of complying with the CPSC proposed rule.

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From: Tonya Arrasmith [tonya.arrasmith@braidway.com]
ent: Wednesday, October 30, 2002 2:26 PM
o: KRIS HATELID
Subject: Zinc Tracers

Dear Kris,

Thank you for all of your help on this issue!

As I was telling you yesterday, we have done some preliminary tests on tracing in the zinc core wick. We used the thinnest materials possible that are still visible and the results were dramatic enough that the candle manufacture would have to re-spec all new wicks. This is much more difficult than it may sound. Re-specifying requires significant testing. Needless to say, if we can avoid tracing the zinc wicks that would be the best option. Atkins & Pearce is willing to do what is necessary to solve the problem, but strongly feel that if lead core is ban that there will not be a need to trace the zinc core wick.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance or if you have any questions. I will look forward to the results of the vote in a few months.

Thank you,
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