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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Fireworks (American Pyrotechnics Association Product Evaluation Committee)

DATE: September 9, 1995

TIME: 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Grand Hyatt Hotel, 11th and H Streets, NW, Washington, DC

ENTRY SOURCE: Michael Babich, EHHE *MaB*

COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES: Sam Hall, CRM; and Michael Babich, EHHE

NON-COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES: Representatives of fireworks trade associations and businesses, including John Rogers, American Fireworks Safety Laboratory (AFSL) and Dr. John Conkling, American Pyrotechnics Association (APA).

Summary: Sam Hall (CRM) was an invited speaker. He spoke on CPSC's compliance activities. At the request of the moderator, Dr. Babich described CPSC's fireworks project, including the proposed rule on multiple tube devices and the review of other fireworks. Dr. Babich stated that the staff plans to meet with the industry and present an options package to the Commission during fiscal year 1996. Mr. Hall and Dr. Babich responded to questions. Issues raised during the question and answer period generally related to CPSC's proposed rule on multiple tube mine and shell devices. Some imported multiple tube devices with bases fail the proposed tilt test, even though they are stable in live tests. Dr. Conkling (APA), stated that APA will propose that such devices be exempted from the tilt test if they are stable in live testing. One manufacturer stated that CPSC underestimated the time needed to comply with the proposed rule. Some manufacturers stated that it is possible to build multiple tube mine and shell devices that pass the tilt test but are unstable in live tests. For example, moving the tubes to the edges of the base may increase static stability, but reduce dynamic stability. One manufacturer claimed that some devices banned by CPSC in 1992 would comply with the tilt test.

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