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U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: MEETING WITH WALTER WORMSER, CHAIRMAN and EDWARD
WORMSER, PRESIDENT OF WORMSER COMPANY AND COMMISSIONER MOORE
DATE OF MEETING: JULY 25, 1996
PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC HEADQUARTERS/ROOM 725
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: PAMELA L. WELLER
DATE OF ENTRY: August 23, 1996
COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE
PAMELA L. WELLER, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE
MICHAEL GOUGISHA, COUNSELOR TO COMMISSIONER MOORE
ERIC RUBEL, GENERAL COUNSEL

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

WALTER WORMSER, CHAIRMAN, WORMSER COMPANY
EDWARD WORMSER, PRESIDENT, WORMSER COMPANY
BRUCE C. NAVARRO, NAVARRO LEGISLATIVE & REGULATORY AFFAIRS
PATRICIA ADAIR, NATIONAL COTTON COUNCIL

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Messrs. Wormser met with Commissioner Moore to express their views on the effective date for the changes to the infants' and children's sleepwear regulations.

Edward Wormser indicated he had heard the Commission was considering reducing the effective date period from 18 months to some shorter time and, if true, this would have significant adverse consequences for his business. He said his company had approximately six million dollars worth of polyester and he was in the process of signing contracts for Spring and feared if the amendments became effective prior to that time, he would have to renegotiate his contracts to include cotton garments. He said he had licenses to reproduce certain Disney characters on his sleepwear.

Eric Rubel asked if the company was going to continue making complying garments and when told yes asked why they couldn't just use the polyester they had on stock for those garments. He realized it would take longer to use up, but it was not as if the company would be stuck with polyester they would be unable to

use. The Wormsers indicated that it was correct: that eventually they would use the polyester they had on hand.

Mr. Navarro pointed out that there had been a press release stating the effective date would be 18 months. Commissioner Moore said that he was sure they knew that a press release was not the law and given the fact that no final regulation had been voted on by the Commission, no one should have relied on it. Mr. Navarro said that while the company would like an 18-month delay in the effective date, they could live with a shorter delay. Any delay was better than an immediate effective date.

Commissioner Moore asked what action they expected the Commission to take against companies that jumped the gun and sold tight-fitting cotton sleepwear garments prior to the effective date. Edward Wormser said he did not expect any significant problems because the major retailers would not want to risk violating the Commission's regulation in this regard.

Commissioner Moore indicated there were ongoing discussions within the Commission as to what an appropriate effective date should be, given the fact that not all companies needed a delay and that the Commission had received some letters after the industry meeting on this point. He then thanked the Wormsers for having come in to express their views and assured them their comments would be considered. The meeting ended with the Wormsers thanking Commissioner Moore for having taken the time to meet with them.