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LOG OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

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SUBJECT: Flammable Fabrics Act Task Force

DATE OF CALL: June ¹²~~20~~, 1997 ^{per Pat Fairall 11/10/97} **TIME:** 11:00 AM EST

COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS: Patricia Fairall, CRM
David Schmeltzer, CE
Robert Poth, CRM
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NON-COMMISSION PARTICIPANTS: See Attached List

TELEPHONE NUMBER: See Attached List

SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION: The initial conference call with the following participants was held On June 12 at 11:00am EST. Dave Schmeltzer provided an introduction to the group and asked for volunteers to be Chairperson or Co-Chairs. NRF (Myron Meche) and IMRA (Meg Farrage or Moe Cain) volunteered to be Co-Chairs of the task group.

Because of the large number of groups interested in being on the task force (about 20) it was decided that the main task force should have, in addition to the co-chairs, a retail representative (Paul Sahutske), a laboratory representative (Ron Pacheco), an importer representative (unnamed), a textile manufacturer representative (probably from ATMI), and a CPSC representative (Pat Fairall). It was also agreed that there will be two advisory committees, a Laboratory Advisory Committee and a Retail/Association Advisory Committee. These committees will consist of the other groups on the call that are not on the main task force. These groups will be tasked with a number of activities and be kept informed of the task group activities by representatives on the task group.

CPSC will draft an outline of a proposed plan - attached.

The next scheduled conference call with the main task group is: Friday June 27th at 11:00am EST.

Distribution:

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Voluntary Flammability Pledge Program Ideas

The Program covers only suspect fabrics which are defined as:

Plain Surface Sheer Fabrics < 2.6 oz/yd²

Raised Fiber Fabrics - fleece, sherpa, chenille

Exemption: acrylic, modacrylic, nylon, olefin, polyester, or wool (or combinations of only these fibers).

Program Objectives:

- A. To encourage a commitment to complying with the Flammable Fabrics Act regulations for wearing apparel (16 CFR 1610 or 1611) before offering for sale (for each style or fabric) by:
1. Assuring appropriate tests have been conducted by one or more of the following methods:
 - a. Actually test following the guidelines (to be established) for reasonable and representative testing.
 - b. Obtaining copies of the results of the actual test (s) of the specific fabric in accordance with the guidelines for reasonable and representative testing.
 2. Not purchasing clothing and textile fabrics from suppliers who do not follow the guidelines for reasonable or representative testing.
 3. Not marketing and selling Class 2 - Intermediate Flammability fabrics.

Firms should educate buyers and suppliers on the applicable flammability standards under the Flammable Fabrics Act and the special provisions of this Flammability Pledge Program by:

1. Conducting training, at least yearly, for new buyers, suppliers, and others involved in making products or decisions about products required to meet the Flammable Fabrics Act. In addition, conduct refresher training every two years for personnel currently in those positions.
 2. Providing assistance and copies of the guidelines for reasonable and representative testing to all suppliers to improve compliance.
- C. Firms should develop and maintain a flammability quality control program for clothing and textiles by:
1. Conducting regular site visits of suppliers both before and during the contract to determine if production is in accordance with acceptable manufacturing quality controls and appropriate testing is being conducted.
 2. Developing a secondary (Prior to Retail Sale) testing program, to verify accuracy of submitted test results or the validity of a guarantee, in which at least one test is conducted for each style of fabric or garment included in each shipment or order prior to sale.

The Laboratory Advisory Committee could be tasked with:

Developing a reasonable and representative testing program/brochure/pamphlet.

Developing a screening procedure to determine if fabrics are "suspect".

Retail/Association Advisory Committee could be tasked with:

Developing a Buyer/Supplier Training Program.

Developing the Pledge Form.

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