

**U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION  
LOG OF MEETING**

**SUBJECT:** Commissioner Baiocco/Commissioner Kaye meeting with representatives from Hovding Sweden AB

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**LOCATION:** CPSC HQ, Suite 720

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Commissioner Baiocco, Commissioner Kaye, Jana Fong-Swamidoss, Jonathan Midgett, Dottie Yahr, Mike Asplen

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Nancy Nord, Elliot Belilos

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:** Commissioner Baiocco, Commissioner Kaye and their staffs met with former Commissioner Nancy Nord and Elliot Belilos, outside counsel for Hovding Sweden AB (Hovding). Hovding filed a petition requesting an exemption for their inflatable head protection device from the testing requirements of the bike helmet regulations as long as the product meets a comparable EU standard. Hovding inquired about the status of their petition and shared additional information pertaining to their product. The Research Institute of Sweden created a standard and testing protocols designed specifically for Hovding's head protection device. Hovding recognizes differences exist between the US and EU standards for bike helmets, but believes when the standards are examined as a whole, they are functionally equivalent.

Commissioner Baiocco and Commissioner Kaye did not have any status updates regarding Hovding's petition beyond the deliverable as stated in the FY2019 operating plan.

This meeting was requested by Nancy Nord.