

# U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

## LOG OF MEETING

**SUBJECT:** Phthalates

**DATE:** August 6, 2009

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** CPSC Headquarters

**ENTRY SOURCE:** Michael A. Babich, HSHS

**COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES:** Carol Afflerbach, Michael Babich, John Boja, Kent Carlson, Mary Ann Danello, David DiMatteo, Harleigh Ewell, Paul Harvey, Nancy Nord, Joel Recht, Treye Thomas, Dominique Williams, William Zamula.

**NON FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES:** Matthew Cohen, Mintz-Levin; Ellie Collinson, The Raben Group; David Fischer, ACC; Emily Lesinski, American Apparel & Footwear Association; Kristy Morrison, ACC; Steve Risotto, ACC.

### **SUMMARY:**

The meeting was requested by the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Mr. Risotto, ACC asked a series of questions about the CHAP on Phthalates. The staff replied that the CHAP selection is in process, and that the procedures for appointing a CHAP are different from other advisory panels. There will be no opportunity for external input on the selection of CHAP members. The CHAP will probably hold a public hearing at which outside groups may testify. All communications with CHAP members will be through the CPSC staff. The CPSC staff hopes to have the first CHAP meeting in late 2009.

ACC representatives and the CPSC staff discussed possible phthalate alternatives. The staff indicated that use and exposure information for plasticizers would be helpful to the CHAP. There was a general discussion regarding approaches to cumulative risk. The CPSC staff noted that the CHAP will determine which methods to use for exposure and risk assessment.

In response to questions, the CPSC staff stated that additional guidance on the scope of section 108 of the CPSIA is in preparation. Section 108 does not include an exception for inaccessible parts, and it is not clear whether this could be addressed through rulemaking.