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BALLOT VOTE SHEET

TO: The Commission
Alberta E. Mills, Acting Secretary

THROUGH: Mary T. Boyle, Executive Director

FROM: Patricia M. Pollitzer, Assistant General Counsel
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SUBJECT: Petition Requesting Rulemaking to Amend Safety Standard for Walk-Behind
Power Lawn Mowers.

BALLOT VOTE DUE Tuesday, April 2, 2019

On February 19, 2019, the Outdoor Power Equipment Industry (OPEI) submitted a petition to the Commission to initiate rulemaking to revise the warning requirement for the Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers, codified at 16 CFR part 1205. OPEI requests that the Commission amend the standard to allow for a pictorial-only warning as an alternative to the current warning label required by 16 CFR § 1205.6(a). The Office of the General Counsel (OGC) is docketing OPEI's request as a petition.

Pursuant to the Commission's Directive No. 0605.0, OGC has drafted the attached notice for publication in the *Federal Register*, inviting comments on the petition for a period of 60 days, should the Commission, in its discretion, decide to request comments on the petition.

Please indicate your vote on the following options:

- I. Approve publication of the attached document in the *Federal Register*, as drafted.

(Signature)

(Date)

II. Approve publication of the attached document in the *Federal Register*, with the specified changes.

(Signature)

(Date)

III. Do not approve publication of the attached document in the *Federal Register*.

(Signature)

(Date)

IV. Take other action specified below.

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(Date)

Attachment: Draft *Federal Register* Notice Regarding Petition Requesting Rulemaking to Amend Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-XXXX-XXXX]

Petition Requesting Rulemaking to Amend Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) received a petition from the Outdoor Power Equipment Industry (petitioner, or OPEI), requesting a revision to the warning label requirement for the Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers. The CPSC invites written comments concerning this petition.

DATES: Submit comments by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-XXXX-XXXX, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The CPSC does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (e-mail), except through www.regulations.gov. The CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, as described above.

Written Submissions: Submit written comments by mail/hand delivery/courier to: Division of the Secretariat, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received may be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided. Do not submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If furnished at all, such information should be submitted by mail/hand delivery/courier.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: <http://www.regulations.gov>, insert docket number CPSC-XXXX-XXXX into the “Search” box, and follow the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rocky Hammond, Division of the Secretariat, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: 301-504-6833; e-mail: RHammond@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On February 19, 2019, OPEI submitted a petition to the CPSC to initiate rulemaking to revise the warning requirement for the Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Power Lawn Mowers codified at 16 CFR part 1205 (CPSC standard). Specifically, OPEI requests that the Commission amend the CPSC standard to allow for a pictorial-only warning as an alternative to the warning label for reel-type and rotary power mowers required by 16 CFR 1205.6(a) (Figure 7). According to OPEI, a pictorial-only warning will help provide consumers with understandable, non-language warnings to improve consumer safety and also modernize and globally harmonize the warning for all consumers. OPEI contends that the petition seeks a limited, non-material change to the CPSC standard.

By this notice, CPSC seeks comments concerning this petition. The petition is available at: <http://www.regulations.gov>, under Docket No. CPSC-XXXX-XXXX, Supporting and Related Materials. Alternatively, interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Division of the Secretariat, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-6833.

Dated:

Alberta E. Mills, Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission