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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

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The August 7, 1985, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was convened in open session by Chairman Terrence Scanlon. Commissioners Carol G. Dawson and Stuart M. Statler were present. Commissioner Sandra Brown Armstrong participated by telephone in the discussion on Item 1 of the Agenda, but did not participate in Item 2.

Ballot Vote Decisions. The following decision made by ballot vote of the Commissioners was placed in the record:

Request to Extend the Public Comment Period on ATV Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for 60 Days

The Commission voted 3-0-1 to approve a request for an extension of the public comment period on ATV Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) for 60 days. Voting to approve the request and announcement were Chairman Scanlon and Commissioners Armstrong and Dawson. Commissioner Statler abstained. The extended due date for ATV comments is September 30, 1985.

Agenda Matters.

1. Chain Saws

The staff briefed the Commission on the staff's activities regarding the chain saw project and on the status of the industry voluntary standard to address chain saw rotational kickback. Staff reported that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B175 Standard for Chain Saws, on which the staff worked with industry to upgrade, has been approved and is expected to be published by September 1985, and that, in the staff's estimation, the voluntary standard will reduce kickback injuries by 70-80 percent and will be complied with by virtually all manufacturers. The staff recommended, therefore, that the Commission terminate its proceeding to develop a mandatory consumer product safety standard addressing the risk of rotational kickback of chain saws, which began with an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) published in May 1982.

Following the staff presentation and questions and discussion by the Commissioners, the Commission decided by unanimous vote (4-0) to waive the seven day notice and proceed at today's meeting to vote on the issue of