



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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CPSC EXECUTIVE SESSION
March 6, 1975

1750 K Street, N.W.
9:30 A.M.

Presiding: Chairman Simpson

Present: Commissioner Kushner
Commissioner Franklin
Commissioner Newman
Commissioner Pittle

ITEM

Consumers Union Petition for Regulation of Claw Hammers
(CP-75-3)

DECISION

The Commission denies a Consumers Union petition for regulatory action on claw hammers (where the specific action requested was requiring permanent warning labels on the use limitations of the product). The Commission reviewed the test data submitted by CU showing that claw hammers may chip or disintegrate if struck against a harder surface. Further, the Commission considered the following: information provided during a 11/15/74 public meeting with interested persons, the fact that the American National Standards Institute would require a warning label, and the fact that many manufacturers are already labeling the product. Based on a review of the above it was the Commission determination that evidence at this time does not indicate that the regulatory action requested is reasonably necessary. The Commission does intend however to address the problem in an information and education campaign.

COMMISSION VOTE

Deny the petition.

Concur: Chairman Simpson R. Simpson
Commissioner Kushner Kushner
Commissioner Franklin B. Franklin
Commissioner Newman Newman
Commissioner Pittle R. David Pittle

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OTHER OPTIONS

Grant the petition

Abstain

Submitted by: Commissioner Newman