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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

March 16, 1983

Third Floor Hearing Room  
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Washington, D.C.

The March 16, 1983, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was convened by Chairman Nancy Harvey Steorts. Commissioners Edith Barksdale Sloan, Stuart M. Statler and Sam Zagoria were present.

Agenda Matters.

The Commission considered the following matter in open session:

1. Physicians' Samples

The Commission considered whether to issue as a final rule a previously proposed statement of policy and interpretation that would require all oral prescription drugs in consumer packages that are distributed by manufacturers to physicians to be in child-resistant packaging.

Following a briefing and discussion of the issues, Commissioner Sloan moved to republish the policy to ask the manufacturers specific questions and, further, to let a contract to obtain further economic and epidemiologic data. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Sloan then moved to issue the regulation as it was written. This motion also failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Zagoria then moved to adopt alternative two on the vote sheet which provided for the Commission to conduct further economic and epidemiologic studies before taking action. Commissioner Statler seconded the motion. Commissioners Statler and Zagoria approved the motion while Chairman Steorts and Commissioner Sloan disapproved. The motion failed for lack of a majority.

Chairman Steorts then moved that the Commission withdraw the proposal and discontinue work on the project. This motion failed for lack of a second.

The Commission agreed to reconsider the matter at a later meeting.

The Commission then considered the following in closed session:

2. Compliance Status Report

The staff briefed the Commission on the status of various Compliance activities.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chairman Steorts adjourned the meeting.

For the Commission:

March 30, 1983  
Date

  
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Sheldon D. Butts  
Acting Secretary