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Statement of Commissioner Peter A. Feldman on *Kidde, Inc.*, Civil Penalty January 5, 2021

Today's DOJ settlement in *Walter Kidde Portable Equipment, Inc.*, is a reminder that firms must comply with CPSC reporting requirements and respect safety marks. Agency staff under Acting Chairman Adler proposed a much weaker version, without injunctive relief or counts relating to the firm's unauthorized use of a registered safety certification mark, which the Commission rejected. This is a better outcome. To be clear, this \$12 million settlement still falls short of the maximum civil penalty that would have been appropriate in this case.