

Consumer Product Safety Commission  
Commissioners Meeting

June 14, 1973

AGENDA

- 1:30 P.M.      Announcements and Items of Interest
- 1:45 P.M.      CPSC Committees\*  
                 National Advisory Committee for the Flammable Fabrics Act  
                 Technical Advisory Committee on Poison Prevention Packaging  
                 Product Safety Advisory Council
- 2:00 P.M.      Flammable Fabrics Cases  
                 Files transferred from FTC
- 2:30 P.M.      Tricycles\*\*  
                 Frequency/Severity, Costs, Proposed Regulations
- 3:00 P.M.      Break
- 3:15 P.M.      Matches\*\*  
                 Problem, History and Status
- 3:45 P.M.      Children's Cribs  
                 Educational Campaign

\* Previously distributed

\*\* Attached materials

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Commissioners present:

Chairman Simpson

Vice Chairman Franklin

Commissioner Newman

Chairman Simpson opened the meeting at 1:35 P.M.  
with the following announcements:

1. The Commissioners had decided that the waterslide educational program should await the results of research being conducted at the University of Utah.
2. He recommended that the Executive Director make arrangements with General Counsel to orient key staff to the Consumer Product Safety Act.
3. A brief discussion centered on the Tappan gas oven leak correction program and the shock hazard news release, released by RCA Corporation, on RCA TV models ES 385W and 385WR.

A staff briefing by the Office of the Secretary was presented on the status of the Flammable Fabrics Advisory

Council. Vacancies on these Committees were identified and methods for selection of nominees discussed. Discussion ensued on whether CPSC should be substituted for HEW on the Committees - General Counsel is to report the meaning of the language now that CPSC has Committee responsibility. Also, discussed was whether or not CPSC should go public with announcements of vacancies or not. Recommendations for the Product Safety Advisory Council are to be made to the Commissioners by August 15, 1973. Selection criteria to assist in the appointment will be drafted by the Office of the Secretary and submitted to the Commissioners for consideration.

A staff presentation on the Flammable Fabrics Act identified the procedure the FTC employed in handling alleged violations of the Act before jurisdiction was transferred to the CPSC. It was noted that twenty-six (26) cases will require Commission action and will be presented for decision soon by the Bureau of Compliance. Also, eight (8) cases are in final status and another 125-150 under investigation. Discussion identified the need for a staff paper, including arguments pro and con, on the issue of delegation of authority to the Bureau of Compliance on opening and closing cases.

A time-table was presented at the staff presentation of tricycle hazards. A public meeting will be held June 27, 1973, by the Office of Standards Coordination and Appraisal for technical discussion of the problem. Decision on the promulgation of mandatory standards will be based on the scheduled events listed in the schedule. A recommendation based on injury data, economic analysis and engineering evaluation will be matched to the severity of the problem at a subsequent date.

A status report was presented of the history of progress on a voluntary standard for matches. One month is scheduled for staff work in this area, including coordination with interested parties. Discussion resulted in the need for General Counsel to attempt to get from the Department of Justice a statement describing what does and does not constitute anti-trust actions in industry standard-setting activities.

A staff presentation on a proposed childrens' crib hazard educational program was given by the Bureau of Information and Education. The source of injury data was discussed. Preliminary ideas for graphics (pamphlet, slide, film, etc.) narratives and press releases were presented. Discussion raised the question as to whether

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this proposed program is of proper magnitude to deal with this problem and how would results of such a campaign be evaluated. The Commissioners also requested staff to develop plans indicating which items would be accomplished by staff and which items would be done by contract. The proposed educational program will be circulated to the Commissioners for final approval or disapproval.

The Chairman, in closing, voiced his appreciation for the understanding acceptance by staff of the crowded, less than satisfactory, conditions in which they were operating at the Product Safety Operations Center in the Westwood Towers Building.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 P.M.

Samuel M. Hart  
Secretary

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

June 14, 1973

Air Rights Building, Bethesda, Maryland

Present: Chairman Simpson  
Vice Chairman Franklin  
Commissioner Newman

The Commission, meeting in executive session on June 14, 1973, considered and approved Mr. Wallace J. Chamberlain of Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Flammable Fabrics Act.



Richard O. Simpson  
Chairman