



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING

November 19, 1980

Third Floor Hearing Room
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Washington, D.C.

The November 19, 1980, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was convened in open session by Chairman Susan King. Commissioners David Pittle, Edith Sloan, Stuart Statler and Sam Zagoria were present.

Ballot Vote Decisions. The Chairman read into the record the following decisions made by ballot vote of the Commissioners since the last open meeting of the Commission.

1. Labeling Rule for Coal- and Wood-Burning Stoves

By a 3-2 vote the Commission approved a Federal Register document containing a final version of the proposed rule under section 27(e) of the Consumer Product Safety Act. Commissioners Zagoria and Sloan voted to propose an alternative rule which would require the written notice to be presented in a two-label format, in plain English, to highlight the information concerning operation and maintenance.

2. Voluntary Standards Regulations

By unanimous vote (5-0) the Commission approved a Federal Register document proposing revisions in CPSC's regulations concerning CPSC involvement with voluntary standards development groups.

3. Closed Meeting with Underwriters Laboratories

By unanimous vote (5-0) the Commission approved a staff request to hold a closed meeting with representatives of Underwriters Laboratories to discuss a petition concerning aluminum wiring devices. In approving the meeting, the Commission made the necessary finding that extraordinary circumstances exist.

Agenda Matters. The Commission then considered the following decision matters.

1. Crib Regulations: Proposed Amendments

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve a Federal Register notice proposing amendments to the requirements for full-size cribs (16 CFR 1508) and non-full-size cribs (16 CFR 1509), to address neck and head entrapment hazards associated with certain crib designs.

2. Bicycle Regulation: Final Amendment

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve a Federal Register notice issuing a final rule amending the bicycle regulation (16 CFR Part 1512) to provide the additional option of retroreflective rims to meet the side reflectivity requirement of the safety regulation. (This amendment was proposed in May 1980.)

3. Asbestos General Order

By a vote of 4-1, the Commission approved a general order on asbestos-containing products as revised and circulated to the Commission on November 17, 1980, and amended at the meeting. Commissioner Zagoria voted to approve the order except as to question 3(d)(iv) pertaining to certain economic data. Staff is to prepare the order in final for transmission to the General Accounting Office for clearance.

Also in open session, in addition to considering the above decision items, the Commission was briefed by staff on a proposed rule implementing section 9(c) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (risk assessment and cost-benefit considerations). The Commission decided that it would vote on the draft proposed rule by ballot, thus deleting this item from the November 24 meeting agenda.

The Commission then went into closed session to consider a post-employment matter. (Session closed under exemption 6 and 9 of the Government in the Sunshine Act.)

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

For the Commission:

November 21, 1980
(Date)

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Secretary

REFERENCES: Minutes of November 19, 1980

Ballot Vote Decisions:

1. Labeling Rule for Coal and Wood-Burning Stoves

Briefing Package dated October 22, 1980 and November 5, 1980

2. Voluntary Standards Regulations

Briefing Package dated October 31, 1980

3. Closed Meeting with Underwriters Laboratories

Briefing Package dated

Agenda Matters:

1. Crib Regulations: Proposed Amendments

Briefing Package dated November 12, 1980

2. Bicycle Regulation: Final Amendment

Briefing Package dated November 3, 1980

3. Asbestos General Order

Briefing Package dated October 30, 1980