

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20207

Record of Commission Action

At the September 9, 1982, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Chairman Nancy Harvey Steorts read into the record the following decisions made by ballot vote of the Commissioners.

1. OMB Circular No. A-119 on Voluntary Standards

The Commission approved a letter which commented on OMB's revised Circular (No. A-119) on Federal Participation in Development and Use of Voluntary Standards. Commissioners Pittle, Sloan, Statler, and Zagoria voted to approve the letter as drafted. Chairman Steorts voted for an optional sentence which was not included in the draft letter, but otherwise approved the letter.

2. Prednisone Exemption from PPPA

The Commission voted $4\frac{2}{1}$ to exempt prednisone tablets from requirements for child-resistant packaging. Commissioner Sloan voted to abstain with a statement for the record to follow. The exemption applies when the drug is dispensed in packages of not more than 105 milligrams.

3. FOIA/Privacy Act Appeal Request of Kathryn M. O'Brien

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to advise Kathryn M. O'Brien that all documents available in her file have been released and that no documents have been withheld.

4. FOIA Appeal of Alan L. Cantor

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to affirm the decision of the Freedom of Information Officer to withhold specific documents from disclosure.

For the Commission:

September 9, 1982

Date

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Secretary.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

8/28/82

FOUR DANARA SQUEEZE TOYS MAY PRESENT CHOKING HAZARD TO INFANTS AND SMALL CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Consumer Product Safety Commission today announced that its staff has made a preliminary determination that four squeeze coys distributed by Danara International, Ltd., of South Hackensack, New Jersey, may cause choking and/or suffocation because the handles are small enough to lodge in the throat and obstruct the airway. Although these particular squeeze toys have not been involved in any choking incidents known to CPSC, similar shaped squeeze toys have been involved in choking deaths.

All four squeeze toys have bulbous shaped ends measuring 3/4" to 1 1/2" in diameter. These toys are described as follows:

- o Mickey Mouse head on a yellow handle, 5 1/2" long.
- o Mickey Mouse head on a yellow handle, 7" long.
- o Donald Duck head on a blue handle, 6 1/2" long.
- o Yellow mallet with Mickey Mouse face and "MICKEY" embossed on handle, 7 1/4" long with a bulbous end.

These toys are made of soft, easily compressed plastic material and are packaged and sold under the brand name "SAFE-GUARD" and labeled "WALT DISNEY CHARACTER Squeek-a-Toy". The Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck toys are labeled "No. 5523". The mallet is labeled "No. 5503". Stamped below the back of the

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neck of the Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck toys is "WALT DISNEY PRODUCTIONS DANARA INTERNATIONAL LTD MADE IN TAIWAN". Stamped around the squeaker of the mallet is "WALT DISNEY PROD MADE IN TAIWAN DANARA INTERNATIONAL".

It is recommended that consumers remove these toys from use immediately and discard them. Anyone wishing additional information may contact CPSC's toll free hotline at the following numbers: 800-638-8326; in Maryland, 800-492-8363; and in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, 800-638-8333.

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