



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

Record of Commission Action
March 17, 1982

The March 17, 1982, meeting of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission was convened in open session by Chairman Nancy Harvey Steorts. Commissioners R. David Pittle, Edith Barksdale Sloan, Stuart M. Statler and Sam Zagoria were present.

Ballot Vote Decisions. Chairman Steorts read into the record the following decisions made by ballot vote of the Commissioners:

1. Petition from Pacific Legal Foundation (AP 82-1) and Revocation of 16 CFR Part 1050

The Commission by a vote of 4-1, with Commissioner Pittle dissenting, voted to approve a draft Federal Register notice and draft letter concerning Petition AP 82-1. The Federal Register notice revokes a procedural regulation governing awards of financial compensation to participants in the informal rulemaking proceedings, published at 16 CFR 1050. This revocation does not affect the Commission's regulation governing financial contribution from the Commission to participants in formal proceedings to develop consumer product safety standards under Section 7 of the CPSA, which appears at 16 CFR 1105.19. Commissioner Pittle voted to not approve either the Federal Register notice or the letter and indicated he will file an opinion on this matter. (Attached.)

2. Denial Letter for Petition CP 82-1 from Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

The Commission approved by unanimous vote (5-0) a letter to the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association officially advising them of the Commission's denial of their petition to revoke the safety standard requiring an oxygen depletion sensing device on unvented gas-fired space heaters.

Agenda Matters.

1. Power Lawn Mowers Exemption Petitions: CP 81-6, CP 81-7, CP 81-8

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to deny three petitions requesting exemption from the Safety Standard for Walk-Behind Lawn Mowers (16 CFR Part 1205): (1) CP 81-6, from Mr. A. J. Wildy; (2) CP 81-7, from Polynovus Industries, Inc.; and (3) CP 81-8, from Mr. Lewis C. Ely.


2. Urea-Formaldehyde Foam Insulation: Extension of Time to Promulgate Final Ban

The Commission voted 5-0 to waive the 7-days advance notice to consider this matter, which previously had been circulated for vote by ballot. The Commission voted 3-1-1 to extend the time for promulgating a final ban of urea-formaldehyde foam insulation, to April 20, 1982. Commissioners Pittle, Sloan and Zagoria voted for the April 20 extension; Chairman Steorts voted for an extension to April 12, 1982; Commissioner Statler abstained.

3. Transfer of Regulation of Stuffed Toys with Loop Cords from FHSA to CPSA

The Commission voted 5-0 to approve a Federal Register notice issuing a final rule to transfer regulation of any hazard that may be presented by certain stuffed toys with attached loop cords, from the Federal Hazardous Substances Act to the Consumer Product Safety Act.

For the Commission:



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Secretary

Attachment