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Presiding: Chairman Simpson

Present : Commissioner Franklin  
Commissioner Kushner  
Commissioner Newman  
Commissioner Pittle

ITEM

Environmental Issues Raised by the Proposed Matchbook Standard.

(Briefing materials transmitted by Office of Secretary 1-26-76)

DECISION

Information emerging from the Battelle Columbus Laboratories environmental assessment analysis of the draft proposed matchbook standard has raised questions regarding the safety of certain chemicals that could be used to give match splints the burn-time/burn-length characteristics specified in the standard. Prudence dictates that the Commission now consider the possible modification of its proposal in order to preclude the introduction of health hazards by manufacturers trying to meet the requirements of the standard. Therefore, the Commission is extending by 60 days (until March 30, 1976) the date by which it must publish a proposed standard for matchbooks or withdraw its notice of proceeding.

VOTE

Concurring: Chairman Simpson

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