



Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chair Alexander D. Hoehn-Saric
 Commissioner Peter A. Feldman
 Commissioner Richard Trumka Jr.
 Commissioner Mary T. Boyle
 Commissioner Douglas Dziak

ITEM:

Notice of Availability: Supplemental Guidance for CPSC Chronic Hazard Guidelines
(Ballot vote package dated April 3, 2024)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve publication in the *Federal Register* of the notice of availability (NOA) for Supplemental Guidance for CPSC Chronic Hazard Guidelines which announces the availability of final supplemental guidance for CPSC's Chronic Hazard Guidelines for risk assessment.

Commissioners Feldman and Dziak submitted a joint statement. Commissioner Trumka also submitted a statement (see attachments).

For the Commission:

Alberta E. Mills
Secretary

*Ballot vote due April 12, 2024
(Commissioner Dziak extended the vote due date from April 9 to April 12, 2024).

Chair Hoehn-Saric voted on April 4, 2024
Commissioner Trumka voted on April 12, 2024
Commissioner Feldman voted on April 9, 2024
Commissioner Boyle voted on April 12, 2024
Commissioner Dziak voted on April 9, 2024

Attachments: Joint statement by Commissioners Feldman and Dziak
Statement by Commissioner Trumka



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**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONERS PETER A. FELDMAN AND DOUGLAS DZIAK
ON CPSC CHRONIC HAZARD GUIDELINES**

APRIL 12, 2024

Today, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) approved updates to its guidelines for assessing chronic hazards under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. Under the guidelines, when industry and the Commission conduct such assessments, they should proceed according to sound science, accurate data, and best practices in the field.



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**STATEMENT OF
COMMISSIONER RICH TRUMKA JR.**

April 15, 2024

**CPSC REVAMPS CHRONIC HAZARDS GUIDELINES, MAKING IT EASIER TO
PROTECT YOU FROM TOXIC CHEMICALS IN YOUR HOME**

The Commission unanimously approved new chronic hazard guidelines that improve the agency's ability to protect you from toxic chemicals.

Over three decades ago, during the last days of the George H.W. Bush Administration, CPSC issued restrictive guidelines that made it nearly impossible for the agency to protect you from toxic chemicals. This favor to the chemical industry made it easier for them to make us all sicker. But the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA) tasks CPSC with protecting consumers from toxin-emitting products in the home, including chronic toxins. Now, we've freed ourselves to do the job the FHSA gave us. For families that have unknowingly been poisoned for decades, federal action is long overdue.

The old guidelines arguably forced the Commission, but not industry, to apply a set of onerous, costly, and outmoded procedures before acting against chronic hazards. The new guidelines remove that impediment to the Commission, allowing us to innovate. After today, we can apply the latest methods in toxicology and use current scientific insight, including research and findings from other federal agencies, universities, and professional toxicologists. That is a major leap forward.

The old guidelines had glaring gaps in the types of chronic hazards they discussed. They talked about how this agency could approach toxic chemicals that cause cancer, neurological problems, or developmental and reproductive issues like birth defects. Those are very serious hazards. But we know that toxic chemicals in the home can cause a host of other problems too—respiratory illness, heart disease, immunosuppression, and more. Today's update makes it clear that CPSC can tackle all toxic "endpoints," not just the worst of the worst. Again, that's real progress for consumers.

Faithfully,

Your consumer advocate at the Consumer Product Safety Commission

Commissioner Richard L. Trumka Jr.