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Commissioners Voting by Ballot

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Voting: Chairman Byington  
Commissioner Franklin  
Commissioner Garrett  
Commissioner Kushner  
Commissioner Pittle

ITEM

Petition from Thomas E. McMahon regarding Children's Umbrellas - (HP 77-6)

(Briefing material transmitted by the Office of the Secretary on September 8, 1977.)

DECISION

Based upon the information presented in the above-referenced material, the Commission decided to deny the petition to develop a standard for the manufacture of children's umbrellas. The Commission approved the attached letter to the petitioner outlining the basis for the Commission's decision.

VOTE

Concurring: Chairman Byington (9-19-77)  
Commissioner Franklin (9-19-77)  
Commissioner Garrett (9-21-77)  
Commissioner Kushner (9-12-77)  
Commissioner Pittle (9-20-77)

Submitted by the Office of the Secretary

*For the Commission:*  
*Richard E. Rapps*  
*Secretary*



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Mr. Thomas E. McMahon  
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Reston, VA 22091

Dear Mr. McMahon:

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has considered your petition of November 23, 1976 (HP-77-6) requesting that a standard be set for the manufacture of children's umbrellas. This is to advise you that the Commission has denied your petition.

Our technical staff examined the umbrella which you provided. We also reviewed our injury data on umbrellas provided by the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS), in-depth investigations, and consumer complaints. Very few incidents involving pinched fingers were reported. In addition, our New York field office contacted Durham Industries, the manufacturer of the children's umbrella involved, and found that they were no longer importing or distributing this product in the United States.

Consequently, the Commission finds that currently available information is insufficient to determine that children's umbrellas present an unreasonable risk of injury. Based on information available and consideration of the relative priority of the risk of injury associated with children's umbrellas and Commission resources available for rulemaking proceedings for all consumer products, it does not appear that a mandatory standard is necessary at this time to address any risk of injury associated with children's umbrellas.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Rapps  
Secretary

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