

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION 4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814-4408

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Commissioners Voting: Cl

Chairman Hal Stratton

Commissioner Nancy A. Nord Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

ITEM:

Subpoena to The Youth Research Company (Briefing package dated January 6, 2006, OS No. 4000)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to issue (as attached to the briefing package) a Special Order and Subpoena to The Youth Research Company ("Youth Research" or the "firm") for documentation, answers to questions and testimony of witnesses in furtherance of the staff's investigation pursuant to the Commission's authority to issue Subpoenas under section 27(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2076(b) and 16 C.F.R. Part 1118. The Subpoena will assist the Commission Office of Compliance staff's investigation to determine whether the firm engaged in fraudulent practices in testing cigarette and multi-purpose lighter models for conformity with the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters, 16 C.F.R. Part 1201, and the Safety Standard for Multi-Purpose Lighters, 16 C.F.R. Part 1212, and whether the firm violated 18 U.S.C. § 1001 by providing false or misleading information on the test reports for lighters is within the purview of the CPSA. The party to be subpoenaed is Ms. Karen M. Forcade, President, The Youth Research Company, St. Petersburg, Florida.

For the Commission:

Todd A. Stevenson

Secretary

^{*} Ballot vote due January 12, 2006