Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Alexander Hoehn-Saric
Commissioner Dana Baiocco
Commissioner Peter A. Feldman
Commissioner Richard Trumka Jr.

ITEM:

Draft FRN Notice: Petitions Requesting Rulemaking to Amend the Safety Standard for Play Yards to: (1) Require a Minimum Thickness for Play Yard Mattresses, and (2) Standardize the Size of Play Yards and Play Yard Mattresses.

(Briefing package dated April 27, 2022, OS No. 0124)

DECISION:

The Commission voted (3-1) to approve publication of a Federal Register notice as drafted, to invite public comments for two petitions submitted by Carol Pollack-Nelson, Ph.D., Sarah B. Newens, M.S., and Alan H. Schoem, Esq., (collectively “Petitioners”). The petitions request that the Commission initiate rulemaking to amend the Safety Standard for Play Yards at 16 CFR part 1221, to address the hazard of infants becoming entrapped between the edge of a play yard and the play yard mattress and suffocating (“gap entrapment hazard”).

Chair Hoehn-Saric, Commissioners Baiocco and Feldman voted to approve publication of the Federal Register notice as drafted. Commissioner Trumka voted to not approve publication of the Federal Register notice.

For the Commission:

ALBERTA MILLS
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Secretary

* Ballot vote due May 3, 2022.