



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

This is a DRAFT RCA.
It will be replaced by a Final RCA.

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Inez M. Tenenbaum
 Commissioner Nancy A. Nord
 Commissioner Anne M. Northup
 Commissioner Robert S. Adler

ITEM:

Safety Standard for Magnet Sets; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NPR”)
(Briefing packages dated August 8, 2012, OS No. 5427)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to approve publication of the draft NPR in the *Federal Register*, with changes, which would prohibit magnet sets that are high-powered and marketed primarily as a manipulative or construction desk toy for general entertainment. Under the proposal, if a magnet set contains a magnet that fits within the CPSC’s small parts cylinder, magnets from the set would be required to have a flux index of 50 or less, or they would be prohibited. The flux index would be determined by the method described in ASTM International Standard F 963-11, “Standard Consumer Safety Specifications for Toy Safety.” Chairman Tenenbaum and Commissioners Northup and Adler voted for the same changes. Commissioner Nord voted for changes different than the majority changes.

For the Commission:

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

* Ballot vote due August 24, 2012
(By Commission agreement the vote due date was extended from August 23, 2012.)