Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

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
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.)