

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY - GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE

FUNCTION OF AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER
OF ANNOUNCEMENTS OF PROPOSED COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this order is to delegate to the General Counsel the function of authorizing publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of announcements concerning proposed collections of information and requests for approval of collections of information required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 (hereafter, the "Paperwork Reduction Act").

2. REFERENCES.

a. Section 27(b)(9) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2076(b)(9), empowers the Commission to delegate any of its functions or powers, other than the power to issue subpoenas under section 27(b)(3) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, to any officer or employee of the Commission.

b. Section 3502(3) of the Paperwork Reduction Act defines the term "collection of information" to mean the obtaining of facts or opinions by requesting answers to identical questions from ten or more persons, or by imposing reporting or recordkeeping requirements on ten or more persons, other than employees of the United States.

c. Section 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act requires the Commission to publish a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER to give the public a period of 60 days in which to submit comments to the Commission concerning any proposed collection of information before the Commission submits a request for approval

of the proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget.

d. Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act provides that the Commission shall not initiate any activity for the collection of information unless it submits a request for approval of the proposed collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget and publishes a second notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER informing the public that it has requested approval of the proposed collection of information, and providing a period of 30 days to submit comments to the Commission and to the Office of Management and Budget concerning the proposed collection of information.

3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY. Pursuant to section 27(b)(9) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Commission hereby delegates to the General Counsel the function of authorizing publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER of certain notices concerning proposed collections of information and requests for approval of collections of information submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act. This delegation of authority is limited solely to those FEDERAL REGISTER notices required by the Paperwork Reduction Act where such notices involve the obtaining of information of facts or opinions by imposing reporting or recordkeeping requirements on ten or more persons, other than employees of the United States; or collections of information associated with procurement of goods or services; or collections

of information undertaken as "Follow-up activities for product-related injuries."

4. RE-DELEGATION. The authority herein delegated shall not be redelegated.

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BY THE COMMISSION:



SADYE E. DUNN, Secretary

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STK International to Pay \$80,000 Civil Penalty

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) announced today that STK International Inc. has agreed to pay a civil penalty of \$80,000 to settle allegations that it imported and distributed for sale toys and art materials that did not meet U.S. safety standards in violation of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and the Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act.

CPSC alleges that from September 2, 1993, through April 25, 1996, STK International imported and distributed for sale 88,010 toys containing small parts, presenting choking and aspiration hazards to young children in violation of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act. CPSC also alleges that during the same time period, STK International imported and distributed for sale 8,640 units of art materials in violation of the Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act.

In agreeing to settle this matter, STK International denies that it violated the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and the Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from unreasonable risks of injury or death from 15,000 types of consumer products under the agency's jurisdiction. To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury and for information on CPSC's fax-on-demand service, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270. To order a press release through fax-on-demand, call (301) 504-0051 from the handset of your fax machine and enter the release number. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or via Internet gopher services at cpsc.gov. Consumers can report product hazards to info@cpsc.gov.

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