

U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

4330 EAST WEST HIGHWAY BETHESDA, MARYLAND 20814-4408

Record of Commission Action Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chairman Hal Stratton Commissioner Nancy A. Nord Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

ITEM:

West Bend Housewares, LLC, Civil Penalty Settlement \$100,000 (Briefing package dated April 24, 2006, OS No. 5888)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to provisionally accept the Settlement Agreement and Order, which would order West Bend Housewares, LLC, to pay a civil penalty of \$100,000. The Commission's Office of Compliance staff has negotiated a proposed agreement of \$100,000 to settle the allegations pertaining to a defect in its 10-Cup Automatic Coffeemaker Carafes and Replacement Carafes. West Bend Housewares, LLC, violated the reporting requirements of section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b). The failure to furnish information required by section 15(b) is a prohibited act under section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2068(a)(4). Section 20(a)(1) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2069(a)(1), permits the imposition of civil penalties for any person who knowingly violates section 19 of the CPSA by a company's failure to report information under section 15(b).

For the Commission:

Todd A. Stevenson Secretary

Ballot vote due May 2, 2006