

LOG OF MEETING

DATE: March 16, 2011

LOCATION: CPSC, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda MD 20814

SUBJECT: Newell Rubbermaid – Graco division

PARTICIPANTS: Sean Beckstrom, Michael Magee, Dale Matschullat, Lauel Hurd, Doug McGraw: Newell Rubbermaid-Graco; Pamela Sederholm, Sederholm Public Affairs; Mary Martha McNamara, MCLH

CPSC PARTICIPANTS: Commissioner Robert Adler; Jason K. Levine, Chief Counsel to Commissioner Adler

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The representatives of Newell Rubbermaid's Graco division requested a meeting with Commissioner Adler and staff to discuss Graco's commitment to safety and to provide some more information about the recalls conducted in partnership with the CPSC in the past year. The Graco representatives expressed gratitude to the CPSC staff that assisted in those recalls, but concern over the press coverage of the announcement. On a going forward basis they expressed concern regarding how fast the voluntary standards community (ASTM) had to move to keep up with the Congressional mandate in CPSIA regarding durable nursery products (Section 104 of the CPSIA).

Additionally, the representatives discussed their thoughts on recall protocol in general including when and how to use the word "recall" and ways of increasing recall effectiveness. The Graco representatives expressed concerns regarding the new CPSC consumer database and urged the Commission to "look back" in a few months at the types of reports of harm it was receiving. The Newell Rubbermaid representatives also noted they were closely following the CPSC's involvement with the voluntary standard for window coverings and believed the process was moving at an appropriate pace.

The Commissioner thanked the representatives for their time and their thoughts and urged them to continue to work with CPSC staff if issues arose in the future.

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