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LOG OF MEETING

DATE: March 24, 2011

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

SUBJECT: Introduction to, and overview of, American Fireworks Standards Laboratory

PARTICIPANTS: John Rogers, American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL); John Conkling, American Pyrotechnics Association; Tad Trout, TNT Fireworks; Alan Zoldan, Phantom Fireworks

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

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS: The representatives of the American Fireworks Standards Laboratory (AFSL) requested a meeting to introduce Commissioner Adler and his staff to their organization. The presentation included a history of the AFSL, a description of their membership and processes for testing consumer fireworks, and the positive relationship the AFSL has had with the CPSC over the years. The AFSL representatives described AFSL's detailed testing and certification program which predates the passage of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act in 2008. The representatives noted that while they recognized the CPSC must look at all imported consumer fireworks carefully they would urge the CPSC to pay careful attention to imported consumer fireworks that did not bear the AFSL seal because they believed that the AFSL testing program is so effective. The Commissioner thanked the representatives for the overview of the organization and the presentation and encouraged them to continue to work closely with CPSC compliance staff.

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