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LOG OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Labeling Packages of Charcoal
DATE: April 28, 1995
PARTIES: Congressman Mark Sandford's Office
1st District of South Carolina and
Sharon White
LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Sharon R. White

SUMMARY OF CONVERSATION:

Congressman Sandford's office called on behalf of a constituent. According to the Congressman's office, the constituent expressed the concern that staff has already mandated a warning label for packages of charcoal and considering that the label will consist of four additional colors, this will be a burdensome expense since it will require that the company change the printing plates. The constituent also expressed the concern that the proposed pictogram will convey to users that grilling should not be done.

In response to the issues presented, I stated that the Commission has not yet mandated a warning label, but that the staff proposed a warning label which will be presented to the Commission for consideration. I also stated that the staff will propose a number of options with regard to additional colors for the label and that the Commission, after considering all of the information, including economic considerations, will vote to select an option for color. Further, I mentioned that the pictogram is intended to convey the message, Never burn charcoal inside homes, tents, and vehicles. The Congressman's office, after reviewing the pictogram provided to them by the constituent, agreed that it doesn't convey the message of "No grilling", but that it conveys the intended message. Moreover, I mentioned that a meeting with the charcoal manufacturers was held in which industry had an opportunity to comment on staff's recommendations and stated that the comments presented will be considered by staff. Additionally, I noted that when the staff's proposed warning label is published in the Federal Register, industry again will have an opportunity comment on the rule. Congressman Sandford's office stated that the above information will be provided to the constituent and that any further inquiries will be directed to me.