



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Record of Commission Action Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Acting Chairman Nancy Nord
 Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

ITEM:

Hoover Company, Inc., Civil Penalty Settlement \$750,000.00
(Briefing package dated January 5, 2007, OS No. 5069)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (2-0) to provisionally accept the Settlement Agreement and Order, which would order Hoover Company, Inc., ("Hoover") to pay a civil penalty of \$750,000.00. The provisional Settlement Agreement and Final Order will be announced in a *Federal Register* Notice. The Commission's Office of Compliance and Field Operations staff negotiated a proposed agreement of \$750,000.00 to settle the allegations that Hoover violated the reporting requirements of section 15(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"), 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b), by importing and distributing 636,000 vacuum cleaners that posed a fire hazard to consumers. 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd A. Stevenson".

Todd A. Stevenson
Secretary

Ballot vote due January 12, 2007