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Subject: Meeting of Leevon Trading Pty., Ltd., G.L. Bowron, Sensori Products, and CPSC Staff

Date: January 27, 1994, 9:00 A.M.

Place: CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda, Maryland

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

N.J. Scheers, EPHA  
Steve Lemberg, OGC  
Robert Verhalen, EP  
Robert Frye, EPHA  
Faye Dworkin, EC  
Suad Nakamura, HSPS  
Jim Carleton, HSHL  
Mary Donaldson, EC  
Nancy Rytina, EPHA  
Sue Cassidy, EPHA  
Carolyn Meiers, EPHF  
Pary Davis, EPHF  
Linda Fansler, ESME  
Roy Deppa, ESME  
Terry Rogers, CE  
Elaine Tyrrell, EXPA  
Kate Wallace, CR

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Robert Steinberg, Leevon Trading Pty., Ltd (Lamby)  
John Geleynse, Leevon Trading Pty., Ltd. (Lamby)  
George Coughlin, G.L. Bowron  
Mandy Coughlin, G.L. Bowron  
Robert Cotto, Sensori Products  
Rick Locker, JPMA Counsel  
Howard Hoffman, NIDCH/NIH  
Rick Shaffer, Product Safety Letter

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was opened by Dr. N.J. Scheers, Project Manager of the Infant Suffocation Project. Dr. Scheers stated that the purpose of the meeting was to share concerns and information related to the recent CPSC safety alert, and work with soft bedding products. She also stated that: (1) while staff makes recommendations to the Commission at formal briefings, the Commission makes any decision concerning actions to be taken; (2) to date, staff has not made any recommendations to the Commission and there has been no agency action taken; and (3) the January 6, 1994 safety alert warning consumers of the dangers of soft bedding was issued based on the research presented in the project status report and was approved under CPSC's internal procedures.

Lamby and Bowron made that following points:

1. asked that the CPSC technical staff review all the information presented and correct all inconsistencies in CPSC's Fiscal 1993 report, stating what level of carbon dioxide re-breathing is allowable for any form of bedding,
2. that any and all future information presented to CPSC by any staff member or by an outside source, concerning sheepskins, be sent to Lamby and Bowron,
3. that they welcome a program of creating standards for Sheepskins for Infant Care, specifically targeting wool pile length, use of wool mark with manufacturer's license number and the tanning process used,



4. asked CPSC for a retraction of the statements in the Safety Alert relating to the possibility of sheepskins causing suffocation, or, at the very least, a modified statement. The retraction or modification should be published when CPSC's research has been compiled by the Third quarter of 1994 on all varieties of sheepskin products used for infant care,
5. request a written response from CPSC regarding the outcome of this meeting,
6. are committed to working together with CPSC in order to provide safe and secure bedding for infants, and will provide all research that has been made available to them.

CPSC staff responded that staff will review information presented at the meeting and welcome a cooperative effort with industry. Information such as that requested by Lamby and Bowron that is presented to CPSC cannot be provided to outside parties until it is available to the public. Dr. Scheers said that CPSC staff did not plan to recommend retracting or modifying the safety alert.

The meeting ended at 11:20 a.m. with plans to further exchange information.