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**LOG OF MEETING
SMALL BUSINESS OMBUDSMAN**

SUBJECT: Introductory Meeting between the American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA) and the Acting Small Business Ombudsman

DATE OF MEETING: November 23, 2010

PLACE OF MEETING: U.S. CPSC, Room 834

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Neal S. Cohen, Acting Small Business Ombudsman

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Neal S. Cohen, Acting Small Business Ombudsman
Patty Davis, OIPA

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Rebecca Mond, AAFA
Steven Lamar, AAFA
Mary Foley, PSL – Press

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Neal Cohen introduced himself and the role of the Small Business Ombudsman position. He explained that while many of the responsibilities were still being developed the primary purpose of the position was to serve as a dedicated resource for both individual inquiries but also broader concerns affecting small businesses as a group. He also explained that the Small Business Ombudsman position was not a forum for repeal or revision of CPSIA but rather to ease the burden on small business seeking to comply with the CPSIA. Neal also explained that he hoped to facilitate education and compliance through increased partnering with small businesses and industry.

Steve Lamar and Rebecca Mond explained the functions and role of the AAFA (advocacy, education, other) and estimated that approximately 75% of its members are small businesses. They provided written materials, including comments to rulemakings and FAQs for their membership, as examples of some of AAFA's work for its membership. When asked, they provided specific examples of areas where they believed the Commission could be helpful by either clarifying and/or reconsidering its positions, such as the definition of "inaccessible" as it relates to fabrics and the "Other Prints" definition used by the Commission in the textile exemption. They also provided suggestions on how they believe the Small Business Ombudsman position could benefit its membership.