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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER ANNE M. NORTHUP ON  
THE SPRING 2011 REGULATORY AGENDA

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I support today's vote on the Spring 2011 Regulatory Agenda with the understanding that the dates attached to each proposed rulemaking are not set in stone.

In particular, I support Commissioner Nancy Nord's view that the Third Party Accreditation for both the Toy and Phthalates Standards should be pushed back well beyond the proposed date of July 2011. Right now, this agenda estimates that the Commission's testing rules (the "15 month rule" and Component Parts rule) will be completed this August—a month *after* the proposed date for lifting the stay on testing for phthalates and ASTM F-963. For the same reason that prematurely lifting the stay on testing for lead would have been disastrous for many small manufacturers, I believe it would be irresponsible to lift the stay on testing to these other major rules until this Commission has finalized its testing rules *and* given manufacturers sufficient time following the rules' finalization to understand them and come into compliance.

Moreover, this agenda does not even contemplate a date for the finalization of the Definition of Toy and Child Care Article—another key component for manufacturers to know exactly what products will have to be tested.