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**STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN INEZ M. TENENBAUM  
ON THE COMMISSION APPROVAL OF A FINAL EXTENSION  
OF THE LEAD CONTENT TESTING AND CERTIFICATION STAY OF ENFORCEMENT**

As part of a bipartisan Commission decision, I reluctantly voted on January 31, 2011, to support extending – for one final time – the stay of enforcement for third-party testing and certification for total lead content in children’s products. The result of this Commission vote is that the stay on third-party testing and certification to the lead content limits will automatically lift on December 31, 2011.

While I agreed to support this final extension, this vote does not in any way change a very basic and important fact: regardless of the date the stay lifts *children’s products continue to be required by law to be fully compliant with a number of key safety provisions, including lead paint limits, total lead content limits, limits on certain phthalates, small parts hazard requirements and ASTM F963 (the Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Toy Safety).*

This is no small fact. It remains unlawful for children’s products that violate these requirements to be placed on the market. While the Commission has decided to provide additional time for manufacturers and importers of children’s products to take steps to document proof of compliance through third-party testing and certification, I expect the agency to continue to enforce, regardless of the size of the manufacturer, all standards and bans applicable to children’s products.