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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUG 14 2000

TO : The Commission

Through: Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary *S. Dunn*
 Thomas W. Murr, Jr., Acting Executive Director *Thomas W. Murr, Jr.*

Through: Ronald Medford, AED for Hazard Identification and Reduction *RLM*

Through: Michael S. Solender, General Counsel *M.S.S.*
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FROM : Joseph F. Rosenthal, Attorney *J.R.*

SUBJECT: Federal Register Notice Amending Statement of Organization and Functions, 16 CFR Part 1000

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The attached proposed Federal Register notice would amend Part 1000 of 16 CFR to reflect recent organizational changes at the Commission, specifically the reorganization of the Directorate for Laboratory Sciences into three divisions. This change was made to improve the managerial efficiency of the Laboratory. In addition, the functional statement for the Directorate has been rewritten at its initiative.

The changes have been reviewed and approved by the Directorate for Laboratory Sciences and the Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction.

Please indicate your vote on the following options:

I. Approve the Federal Register notice as written.

 (Signature)

 (Date)

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 reviewed or accepted by the Commission.
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II. Approve the Federal Register notice with changes (please specify)

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III. Do not approve the Federal Register notice.

(Signature)

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IV. Other (please specify).

(Signature)

(Date)

Comments/Instructions:

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Consumer Product Safety Commission

16 CFR Part 1000

Statement of Organization and Functions

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission is amending its statement of organization and functions to reflect the reorganization of the Directorate for Laboratory Sciences into three divisions: Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Chemical. We are also making editorial changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph F. Rosenthal, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, telephone 301-504-0980.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Commission has reorganized the Directorate for Laboratory Sciences into three divisions, the Mechanical Engineering Division, the Electrical Engineering Division, and the Chemical Division. Section 1000.31 is being revised to reflect this and to make various editorial revisions.

Since this rule relates solely to internal agency management, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(b) notice and other public procedures are not required and it is effective immediately upon publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER. Further, this action is not a rule as defined in the

Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, and, thus, is exempt from the provisions of the Act.

List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 1000

Organization and functions (government agencies).

Accordingly, Part 1000 is amended as follows:

PART 1000-- [AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 1000 continues to read as follows

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a).

2. Section 1000.31 is revised to read as follows:

The Directorate for Laboratory Sciences, which is managed by the Associate Executive Director for Laboratory Sciences, is responsible for conducting engineering analyses and testing of consumer products, supporting the development of voluntary and mandatory standards, and supporting the Agency's compliance activities through product safety assessments. A wide variety of products are tested and evaluated to determine the causes of failure and the hazards presented. Product safety tests involve mechanical, electrical, and combustion engineering, as well as thermal and chemical analyses. Test protocols are developed, test fixtures and setups are designed and fabricated, and tests are conducted following the requirements and guidance of voluntary and mandatory standards and/or using sound engineering and scientific judgment. The Laboratory participates with and supports other agency directorates on multi-disciplinary teams in the development of voluntary and mandatory standards. The Laboratory coordinates and

cooperates with other Federal agencies, private industry, and consumer interest groups by sharing engineering and scientific research, test, and evaluation expertise. Additionally, Corrective Action Plans, proposed by manufacturers to correct a product defect, are tested and evaluated to assure that the proposed changes adequately resolve the problem. Regulated products, such as children's products, sleepwear, and bicycle helmets, are routinely tested and evaluated for compliance with the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, the Flammable Fabrics Act, and the Poison Prevention Packaging Act. The Directorate is composed of the Mechanical Engineering Division, the Electrical Engineering Division (which includes flammable fabrics), and the Chemical Division. Overall, the directorate provides engineering, scientific, and other technical expertise to all entities within the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Dated: _____

Sadye E. Dunn, Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission