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SUBJECT: Proposed Upholstered Furniture Flammability Regulation

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, February 1, 2001

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Patsy Semple, Special Assistant, COMG

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: February 5, 2001

LOCATION: Room 715, CPSC

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Commissioner Mary Sheila Gall, Patsy Semple, Dennis Wilson (Special Assistants to COMG)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): , Crans Baldwin, President and CEO, Bergamo Fabrics and President, Decorative Fabrics Association (DFA); Richard S. Taffet, Golenbock, Eiseman, Assor & Bell, counsel for DFA; Cary Kravet, President, Kravet Design; John Brewer, Fonthill LTD.

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The Decorative Fabrics Association requested the meeting to explain how the proposed testing protocol (contained in the 1997 briefing package) requiring flame retardant treatment of fabrics would devastate the high end, decorator fabrics industry. DFA representatives provided an overview of the economic impact of the proposed rule on their particular segment of the market. They referred to their June 2000 submittal to the staff which provided greater detail about the effects of the staff proposal on their industry.

DFA asked that a consideration be given for an exemption of high end fabrics with a minimum net cost of \$20 a yard (that retails at \$40 per yard or more). Justification for this request is contained in their June 2000 submission. They also asked that the Commission consider an option for use of a FR interliner.