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LOG OF MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: July 27, 1995

PLACE: Headquarters, Consumer Product Safety Commission
4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Allen F. Brauninger, Attorney, OGC

DATE OF ENTRY: August 3, 1995

SUBJECT: Reduction of injuries to children involving toy guns
mistaken for actual firearms.

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

- Ann Brown, Chairman
- Walt Sanders, Office of the Chairman
- Dennis Wilson, Office of Commissioner Gall
- Robert J. Wager, OCR
- Kate Wallace, OCR
- Allen F. Brauninger, OGC
- John Preston, ES
- Terry VanHouten, ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

- Aaron Locker - Counsel for Toy Manufacturers of America
- Daniel Shure - Strombecker Corp.
- James J. Fotis - Law Enforcement Alliance of America
- Dan Rosenblatt - International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Roy C. Kime - International Association of Chiefs of Police
- Bill McIntire - Nelson Communications

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Chairman Brown opened the meeting and stated that her purpose was to bring together the parties having an interest in reducing injuries to children from toy guns mistaken for actual firearms. She thanked the attendees for their participation in the meeting and urged them to develop a mutually acceptable approach for making toy guns more easily distinguished from actual firearms. She then left the meeting. Robert Wager reviewed existing legislation which requires marking of toy guns which are imitation firearms. He observed that this legislation was enacted in 1988, but injuries to children continue to occur when toy guns are mistaken for firearms. He stated that the Commission staff has considered the possibility of seeking new legislation to authorize the Commission to issue regulations to make toy guns more easily distinguished from actual firearms. He provided copies of a draft bill to accomplish that purpose. Mr.



Wager stated that the Commission staff also considered the possibility that manufacturers of toy guns might be interested in a voluntary approach which would avoid the need for additional legislation. Mr. Locker stated that TMA would be the appropriate group to work with the Commission staff to address the problem under consideration. He stated that TMA would be willing to consider development of additional provisions in the voluntary toy standard to distinguish toy guns from actual firearms. He suggested that Mr. Wager write to him to confirm the agreement of the Commission staff and TMA to work cooperatively for a voluntary approach to distinguishing toy guns from actual firearms. Mr. Wager stated that he would send such a letter in the near future.