

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Cigarette Lighters

DATE OF MEETING: October 6, 1997

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PERSON SUBMITTING LOG: Barbara Jacobson, EH ext. 1206

LOCATION: U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway,
Bethesda, MD

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Barbara Jacobson, EH, Linda Smith, EH, Elizabeth Leland, EC, Michael Bogumill, EXC,
Eleanor Perry, ES, Caroleene Paul, ES, Carolyn Meiers, ES, George Sushinsky, LSE,
Harleigh Ewell, GC

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

Mr. Grant Anderson, Lectralite Corporation, 494 Sheridan Blvd., Suite 200C, Lakewood, CO
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Ms. Christine Eames, Product Safety Letter

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Anderson, Chairman of Lectralite Corporation, met with CPSC staff to demonstrate the Lectralite Electronic Lighter. Lectralite spent 3 1/2 years of research and development to improve the battery operated lighter concept. The Lectralite filament lighter is operated by a replaceable, single AA alkaline battery. Cigarettes are ignited by inserting the tip into an opening in the lighter case to make contact with two heating elements while taking several puffs. It takes about 1 1/2 to 2 seconds to ignite a cigarette, slightly longer than the time it takes with a flame-producing lighter. The elements heat to 600-700 degrees. Mr. Anderson stated that children would not be able to start fires using this lighter. They plan to begin production by October 15th or 20th at manufacturing facilities in Colby, Kansas and Beaver City, Nebraska. The suggested retail price will be \$2.99. An instruction booklet will be provided with the lighter to tell the consumer how to operate it. Some market research was conducted with prisoners who responded favorably to the product. They are considering a variation of this concept that would be used to light cigars. Barbara Jacobson asked Mr. Anderson if this battery operated lighter concept could be applied to multi-purpose lighters. Mr. Anderson said that he would get back to us after giving it some consideration.

NOTE: No portion of the meeting was closed.

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