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# MEETING LOG UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

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**Meeting Between:** CPSC staff and representatives of Burlington House Group Division of Burlington Industries

**Date of Meeting:** July 9, 1998

**Site of Meeting:** Burlington House headquarter, Burlington, NC

**Meeting Topic:** Upholstered Furniture Flammability

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**Participants:** Burlington: Stephen Mischen, Executive VP  
Jim Joyner, Division Manager/VP  
Robert Cudd, Plant Manager  
Bradley Martin, Research/Prod. Dev. Mgr.  
B.J. Adams, Division Mfg. VP/Group Mgr.  
Oscar Everitte, Division Engineering Mgr.  
Miriam White, Environmental/Safety Engineer

CPSC: Dale Ray, Chuck Smith, EC;  
Linda Fansler, LS; Mike Babich, EH

**Summary:**

At Mr. Mischen's invitation, CPSC staff members visited the Burlington House headquarters and finishing plant to observe the company's fabric finishing processes and equipment (particularly related to flame retardant (FR) treatments), and met with company representatives to discuss Burlington's FR treatments of upholstery fabrics, including those intended for the United Kingdom upholstered furniture market. Burlington is a leading supplier of upholstery fabrics, and one of the few U.S. fabric manufacturers that has its own complete fabric finishing facilities. The plant tour and meeting were closed to the public so that proprietary information regarding Burlington's products and research and development activities could be discussed.

Mr. Mischen, Mr. Cudd and Mr. Martin led the plant tour, and described various manufacturing processes and other aspects of FR backcoating technology in relation to the different types of fabrics in Burlington's product line. The seven Burlington representatives then met with the CPSC staff to discuss, in additional detail, issues associated with a possible small open flame furniture standard, including costs, aesthetic effects, production and testing equipment requirements, worker safety and environmental protection, and the company's experimental technology applications.

