

MEETING LOG

UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

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Meeting Between: CPSC staff and representatives of the Fire Retardant Chemicals Association (FRCA)

Date of Meeting: December 3, 1997

Site of Meeting: CPSC headquarters, East-West Towers, Bethesda, MD

Meeting Topic: CPSC/FRCA coordination on FR chemicals in Upholstered Furniture

Log Entry By: Dale R. Ray, EC
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Participants: FRCA: Russell Kidder, Executive VP, and representatives of various FRCA member firms (see attached attendance list)

Other: Representatives of AFMA, NCC, SPI (see attached list)

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J. Hoebel, ES
D. Wilson, Ofc. of Comm. Gall
P. Weller, Ofc. of Comm. Moore

Summary:

The CPSC staff met with representatives of the FRCA to discuss the potential toxicity of flame retardant (FR) chemicals that might be used in upholstered furniture to meet a small open flame standard. Mr. Ray made a presentation on CPSC's activities in this area, described the staff's draft standard, and outlined a number of toxicity-related questions of interest to the staff. These questions involved:

- the different kinds of FRs that are used in consumer products and that might be suitable for upholstery fabrics;
 - any existing toxicity, exposure, or bioavailability data on these FRs;
 - the efficacy and durability of backcoatings and other FR application methods; and
 - information on new developments in FRs that may have applications in the textile market.
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The FRCA representatives provided a brief overview of the various (mainly halogenated) chemicals used as FRs in products. There was some discussion of specific chlorophosphates, e.g., TRIS (TBPP), used in textiles. The AFMA and NCC representatives also discussed textile FRs and noted that not all FRs were suitable for use in all kinds of fabrics, and that it may not be commercially feasible to treat certain fabrics.

The FRCA representatives agreed to develop information on the range of issues discussed, and to report to CPSC on FR uses and toxicity data by January, 1998, before CPSC's anticipated FR chemical workshop/public meeting on the issue. FRCA expected to assign this task to its new upholstered furniture fire safety committee, chaired by Richard Rose of Great Lakes Chemical Co.; Blake Biles of Arnold & Porter would handle continuing liaison with CPSC staff.

Attachment (attendance list)

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