Minutes from Interagency Committee on Standards Policy
CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda, Maryland
September 27, 2007

Attendees
Mary Saunders, NIST
Maureen Breitenberg, NIST
David Alderman, NIST
Mike Moore, NIST
Mary Donaldson, NIST
Greg Saunders, DoD
Mike Crowe, FCC
Carol Moyer, NRC
Jenny Heaps, NARA
Dave Wengrovitz, DOJ
Colin Church, CPSC
Tim Klein, Transportation (DOT)
David Capozzi, ACCESS Board
Ginny Fitzner, DOL/OSHA
Jennifer Moffat, GSA
Kathy Baden, GSA
Andy Wallo, DOE
Peter Shebell, DHS
Jeffrey Feit, DOE
George A. Borlase, Office of Science & Technology Policy
Janice Ausby, Treasury
Suzie Bebee, DHHS
Suzanne Acar, DOI
Don Pittenger, DOL/OSHA

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1. *Welcome – Mary Saunders*
    Self introductions – All
    Changes to the agenda – None
    Welcome from CPSC Chief of Staff, Quinn Dodd

2. *Overview of recent initiatives on imports - John (Gib) Mullan, Assistant*
    Executive Director Office of Compliance and Field Operations, CPSC

    CPSC provided a briefing on recent activities aimed at preventing non-complying consumer products from being imported into the US, with particular emphasis on Chinese imports, the source of a large percentage of recent product recalls for failure to meet US product safety regulations/standards. A major area of focus was improving channels of communication with Chinese government officials in order to improve

their inspection methods. Several working groups were formed including working groups for toys, fireworks and electrical products. CPSC holds monthly video conferences with the Chinese government hosted by the Department of State. CPSC utilizes resources of the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol International Trade Data System's ACE (Automated Commercial Environment) Program, a commercial trade processing system run by Customs and Border Protection to enhance border security and facilitate trade. (Fact sheets on ACE and the International Trade Data System is available at the following URLs : http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/toolbox/about/modernization/ace/what_is_itds.ctt/what_is_itds.pdf and http://www.cbp.gov/linkhandler/cgov/newsroom/fact_sheets/trade/ace_factsheets/ace_at_a_glance.ctt/ace_at_a_glance.pdf.) CPSC is also utilizing the European Commission's RAPEX system, an online rapid alert system of dangerous consumer products for the European Union. (Additional information about RAPEX is available on the following URL: (http://ec.europa.eu/consumers/dyna/rapex/rapex_archives_en.cfm)

3.   *Update on E-Gov Standards Validation Activities – Mary Saunders, NIST*

To date, NIST has validated 5 E-Gov initiatives and lines of business which are available and posted on standards.gov at the following URL: http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/E-Gov/Validated-Standards.cfm. As additional E-Gov initiatives and lines of business are validated, they will also be posted. General information about E-Gov activities and E-Gov standards validation are available on the following NIST website: http://ts.nist.gov/standards/e-gov/.

4.   *Standards Incorporated by Reference – Database Update – Mike Moore, NIST contractor*

Mike Moore demonstrated the on-line Standards Incorporated by Reference (SIBR) Database available to the public on Standards.gov, (http://standards.gov/sibr/query/index.cfm.) The SIBR Database includes voluntary consensus standards, government unique standards, private industry standards, and international standards referenced in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and those used by U.S. Federal Government Agencies in their procurement activities. NIST is currently checking and updating database entries and will be providing cited agencies with lists of incorporations for accuracy review. For assistance using this database or comments, feel free to contact Mike Moore(mike.moore@nist.gov).

5.   *GSA Bulletin FMR B-16 Personal Property – Kathy Baden, GSA*

GSA discussed their efforts to develop a bulletin advising agencies (provide non-regulatory guidance) on the availability of voluntary standards describing good practices that may be useful in agency asset management programs. This is a good example of leveraging existing voluntary standards to meet Government agency program needs.

6.   *NTTAA Reporting for FY 2007 – Mary Donaldson, NIST*

The web based NTTAA reporting tool will be available November 1 until December 15, 2007 at the following link: *http://standards.gov/NTTAA/agency/index.cfm.* Passwords will be reset to default. A copy of the FY 2007 questions is attached: http://standards.gov/icsp/resources/documents/NTTAA_survey_questions_2007.doc. Please plan to complete your reports by December 15, 2006 so that NIST is able to prepare its report and meet its January deadlines. For assistance with your reports or with the reporting system, please contact either Mike Moore (mike.moore@nist.gov) or Mary Donaldson (mary.donaldson@nist.gov).

7.   *New DoD Standards Case Study – Virginia Class Submarine Program Cost Savings, Greg Saunders, DoD*

DoD presented an overview of their most recent study of the benefits realized by standardization initiatives throughout the life-cycle of the Navy's Virginia Class Submarine Program. DoD standardization case studies including The Virginia Class Submarine case study may be found on the Defense Standardization Program's website: (http://www.dsp.dla.mil/APP_UIL/displayPage.aspx?action=content&accounttype=displayHTML&contentid=76)

8.   *Update on Social Responsibility – CD 3 ISO 26000 – Maureen Breitenberg, NIST*

Maureen Breitenberg provided a summary of activities and concerns related to the development of an ISO standard on Social Responsibility. Mary McKiel is the new (and only) US Government representative for this effort at the international level. US stakeholders including government and industry have many concerns about the current wording of the draft standard including (but not limited to) language concerning conformity, certain principles, sustainable development, risk management, the precautionary principle, whether certain principles are actually principles, certain terminology, "endorsement" of international treaties and/or documents, and limitation on sale of goods or services deemed

objectionable (by some). Power Point handout is attached:
http://standards.gov/icsp/resources/documents/CD3_of_ISO_26000.ppt

9.   *Other Business & Next Meeting*

          Next meeting to be January 24, 2008 in the afternoon.
          Location to be determined.

10.   *Adjourn*