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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1210

Petition CP 96-1 Requesting a Child-Resistance Standard for Multi-Purpose Lighters

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Petition for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Judy L. Carr has petitioned the Commission to begin a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters, 16 CFR part 1210, so it would apply to a "multi-purpose" lighter. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition from all interested parties.

DATES: Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary by July 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda Maryland 20814. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 96-1 for Child-Resistant Multi-Purpose Lighters." Copies of the petition are available by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle S. Hammond, Docket Control Specialist, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0800 ext. 1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has docketed correspondence from Judy L. Carr as a petition for rulemaking under the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"). Ms. Carr asks that the Commission begin a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters, 16 C.F.R. § 1210, so that the standard

would apply to a particular "multi-purpose" lighter.

This type of product is commonly purchased for lighting charcoal or gas grills and fireplaces. The particular product referred to by the petitioner is a butane-fueled lighter with a handle, a trigger for actuating the lighting mechanism and fuel flow, and a long nose from which the flame extends. The device has a "safety" that can be manually moved to the "off" position to block actuation of the trigger. If the Commission grants the petition, the rulemaking would develop a generic description of the product to be regulated, in order to cover similar products made by others. For the purposes of this notice, the product category will be referred to as "multi-purpose lighters."

The cigarette lighter safety standard requires that lighters subject to the standard have child-resistant features to prevent operation by most children under age 5. The child-resistant mechanism must reset itself automatically after each operation of the lighter's ignition mechanism. 16 CFR 1210.3(b)(1). However, multi-purpose lighters are currently excluded from the cigarette lighter regulation. See 16 CFR 1210.2(c).

The petition sets forth facts in the form of petitioner's personal knowledge of an incident involving her children. Petitioner asserts that her children started a fire while playing with the lighter, resulting in burns to a 4-year-old girl on over 60% of her body. The petition also contains information concerning other incidents where young children started fires using a multi-purpose lighter. That information was obtained by the petitioner through discovery in litigation with the product's manufacturer.

The Commission solicits comments on the issues raised by the petition. The Commission is particularly interested in comments on the following topics:

1. The types and numbers of multi-purpose lighters currently sold to consumers;
2. The manufacturers and distributors of the product;
3. The number of persons injured or killed in fires started by children under the age of 5 years using multi-purpose lighters;
4. The circumstances under which these injuries and deaths occur,

including the ages of the children who started the fires, the ages of the victims, the locations from which the children obtained the lighters, and physical descriptions of the products involved (including identification of the manufacturers and models, if available);

5. Ways in which the products could be modified to be child resistant;

6. Characteristics of the product that could or should not be used to define which products might be subject to the requested rule;

7. Other information on the potential costs and benefits of the requested rule; and

8. Steps that have been taken by industry or others to reduce the risk of injuries from the product.

Comments on the petition should be received in the Commission's Office of the Secretary by July 8, 1996. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 96-1 for Child-Resistant Multi-Purpose Lighters."

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. A copy of the petition is available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda Maryland 20814.

Dated: April 29, 1996.

Sayde E. Dunn,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Parts 1 and 301

[IA-41-93]

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Automatic Extension of Time for Filing Individual Income Tax Returns; Hearing Cancellation

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service, Treasury.

ACTION: Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed regulations.

SUMMARY: This document provides notice of cancellation of a public