

Estimated total cost for all respondents: \$16,800 per year.

Comments: Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Victoria Wassmer, Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340. Copies of the request for reinstatement of information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Carl Blechschmidt, Acting Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, extension 2243.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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Hartman Products, a Corporation; Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Provisional acceptance of a settlement agreement under the Consumer Product Safety Act.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the Federal Register in accordance with the terms of 16 C.F.R. Section 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Hartman Products, a corporation.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by November 9, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 97-C0001, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Traci J. Williams, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: October 21, 1996.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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[CPSC Docket No. 97-C0002]

Settlement Agreement and Order

In the Matter of Hartman Products, a corporation.

1. Hartman Products, a corporation, enters into this Settlement Agreement and Order with the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("Commission" or "CPSC") pursuant to the procedures set forth in 16 C.F.R. § 1118.20 of the Commission's Procedures for Consent Order Agreements under the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 2051-2084.

I. The Parties

2. The "staff" is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, an independent regulatory commission of the United States established pursuant to section 4 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2053.

3. Hartman Products is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, with its principal corporate offices located at 4949 W. 147th Street, Hawthorne, California 90250.

II. Allegations of the Staff

4. Between August 1992 and December 1992, Hartman Products assembled and distributed approximately 8,000 affected units of the Hartman Pro 1600 ("Pro 1600") hair dryer. Hartman Products is, therefore, a "manufacturer" as that term is defined in section 3(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2052(a)(4).

5. The Pro 1600 is a portable household appliance that consumers use to dry their hair. The Pro 1600 is a "consumer product" which was "distributed in commerce" as those terms are defined in sections 3(a)(1) and (11) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. §§ 2052(a)(1) and (11).

6. In some instances, the switch unit on the affected units could start a unit's heater without turning on its fan. In this situation, the heater could ignite the motor mounts made of a plastic material called Acrylonitrile-Butadiene-Styrene, ultimately igniting the entire unit, exposing surrounding objects to the flames.

Hartman Products received information from Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. notifying the firm about the fire hazard the affected units presented. The firm also received a complaint from a consumer alleging that her Pro 1600 caught fire.

7. Hartman Products obtained information which reasonably supported the conclusion that the affected units contained defects which could create a substantial product hazard, but failed to report that information to the Commission as required by section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b).

III. Response of Hartman Products

8. Hartman Products denies the allegations of the staff that the affected units contained any defect which could create a substantial product hazard pursuant to section 15(a) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2064(a), and further denies that it violated the reporting requirements of section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b).

9. In December 1992, in cooperation with Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., Hartman Products recalled the affected units. To date, it has not received any claims or allegations of injury from the affected units covered by this settlement.

IV. Agreement of the Parties

10. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2051-2084.

11. Hartman Products, knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have to an administrative or judicial hearing with respect to the staff allegations cited herein, judicial review or other challenge or contest of the validity of the Commission's Order, a determination by the Commission as to whether a violation of section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. § 2064(b), has occurred, and a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law with regard to the staff allegations.

12. Upon provisional acceptance of this Settlement Agreement and Order by the Commission, this Settlement Agreement and Order shall be placed on the public record and shall be published in the Federal Register in accordance with 16 C.F.R. § 1118.20(e).

13. The Settlement Agreement and Order take effect upon final acceptance by the Commission and their service upon Hartman Products.

14. Upon final acceptance of this Settlement Agreement by the Commission, the Commission will issue a press release to advise the public of the civil penalty Settlement Agreement and Order.