

current state of law, practice, and procedure regarding this issue.<sup>3</sup> Comments filed in response to this Notice should not be considered to have a connection with or impact on specific ongoing federal and state procedures or rulemaking proceedings concerning product recall notices.

#### Invitation to Comment

NTIA requests that all interested parties submit written comment on any issue of fact, law, or policy that may assist in the evaluation required by section 103(c). We invite comment from parties that may be affected by the elimination of the product recall notices exception, including consumer advocacy groups and organizations, federal agencies, and companies and industry associations. The comments submitted will assist NTIA in evaluating the narrower issues associated with consumer issues and the substantive law related to product recalls. The following issues are intended to provide guidance as to the specific areas to be examined as a part of the evaluation. Commenters are invited to discuss any relevant issue, regardless of whether it is identified below.

1. Describe federal and state regulations and rules that prescribe procedures for companies, distributors, retailers, and third party recall companies to follow when recalling a product.

2. Discuss whether federal and state regulations or laws that prescribe content, format, and timing of notices allow for electronic formats, including facsimile, electronic mail, and web site postings.

3. Discuss what effect, if any, the removal of the product recall notices exception would have on the ability of federal and state agencies to perform their mission.

4. What effect, if any, would the removal of the product recall notices exception have on companies and consumers?

5. Describe any issues encountered by companies that currently provide recall notices by electronic means. Discuss the methods companies use to transmit recall information to consumers and state whether there is a receipt verification process that has proven to be reliable.

6. Discuss issues, if any, that consumers have regarding receiving notice of product recalls through electronic means, including but not

limited to, receipt and delivery, technological compatibility, privacy, and security.

7. State whether the consumer protections of ESIGN section 101(c) would be sufficient to protect consumers if the product recall notices exception is eliminated.

8. Discuss any benefits for consumers, companies or both that may result if product recall notices are sent by electronic means.

9. Discuss any other issues (such as state privacy or consumer protection laws) that may be affected if product recall notices are included under the requirements of section 101 of the ESIGN Act.

Please provide copies of studies, reports, opinions, research or other empirical data referenced in the responses.

Dated: September 19, 2002.

**Kathy D. Smith,**

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### Membership of the Commission's Performance Review Board

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Membership change of Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Office of Personnel Management guidance under the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, notice is given that the following employees will serve as members of the Commission's Performance Review Board.

Members: Madge A. Bolinger, Acting Executive Director, Chairman; Andrea M. Corcoran, Director, Office of International Affairs; David R. Merrill, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel; Gregory G. Mocek, Director, Division of Enforcement; and Patrick J. McCarty, General Counsel, Office of General Counsel.

**DATES:** This action will be effective on September 18, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Office of Human Resources, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Suite 4100, Washington, DC 20581.

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Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., suite 4100, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5003.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This action which changes the membership of the Board supersedes the previously published **Federal Register** Notice, August 31, 2001.

Issued in Washington, DC on September 18, 2002.

**Jean A. Webb,**

*Secretary of the Commission.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### Office of the Secretary

##### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) and Uninhabited Combat Aerial Vehicles (UCAV) will meet in closed session on October 7, 2002; October 29-30, 2002; and December 3, 2002, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review UAV/UCAV systems with special emphasis on affordability and increasing costs, interoperability disconnects, communications architectures to include bandwidth and redundancy, accident rates, operational control in both FAA airspace and military restricted airspace, survivability, military utility analysis, and management approaches.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will identify principal impediments to full and rapid exploitation of the joint warfighting potential of UAW and UCAV systems and, further, recommend how these constraints might be mitigated or removed.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board Task Force meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, these meetings will be closed to the public.

<sup>3</sup> The NTIA Request for Comment and the resulting evaluation have no legal effect on existing CPSC, EPA, FDA, NHTSA or USDA regulations and rules, or pending proceedings affecting recalls.