DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting of the Stock Performance Review Board (PRB) on September 21, 2011, to consider and review the 2011 Pacific sardine stock assessment.

DATES: The meeting will take place from Tuesday, October 4 through Friday, October 7, 2011. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. on October 4, and will begin at 8 a.m. each subsequent day. The meeting will continue until 5 p.m. each day or until business for the day has been completed. The meeting may adjourn early on Friday, October 7, if sufficient progress has been achieved.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Green Room of the National Marine Fisheries Service’s Southwest Fisheries Science Center; 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037. Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820–2280; Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review the 2011 stock assessment for Pacific sardine, which will be used to develop management measures for the 2012 sardine fishery off the U.S. west coast.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. CPSC–2011–0050]

Third Party Testing for Certain Children's Products; Toys: Requirements for Accreditation of Third Party Conformity Assessment Bodies

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Requirements.


DATES: Effective Date: The requirements for accreditation of third party conformity assessment bodies to assess conformity with ASTM F 963–08 and/or section 4.27 of ASTM F 963–07e1 are effective upon publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

Comments in response to this notice of requirements should be submitted by September 30, 2011. Comments on this notice should be captioned “Third party Testing for Certain Children's Products; Toys: Requirements for Accreditation of Third party Conformity Assessment Bodies.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard McCallion, Team Leader for the Mechanical, Recreation, and Sports Program Area, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; e-mail RMcCallion@cpsc.gov. CPSC intends to issue a Federal Register notice providing information about its proposed education and outreach plan for stakeholders directly affected by the Notice of Requirements for Third Party Testing for Certain Children’s Products. The Federal Register notice will also request public comment and input. Many of the informative materials for stakeholders will be available at a dedicated toy safety standard webpage: http://www.cpsc.gov/toysafety.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

Section 14(a)(3)(B)(vi) of the CPSA, as added by section 102(a)(2) of the CPSIA, directs the CPSC to publish a notice of requirements for accreditation of third party conformity assessment bodies to assess children’s products for conformity with “other children’s product safety rules.” Section 14(f)(1) of the CPSA defines “children’s product safety rule” as “a consumer product safety rule under [the CPSA] or similar rule, regulation, standard, or ban under any other Act enforced by the Commission, including a rule declaring a consumer product to be a banned hazardous product or substance.” Under section 14(a)(3)(A) of the CPSA, each manufacturer (including the importer) or private labeler of products subject to those regulations must have products that are manufactured more than 90 days after the Federal Register publication date of a notice of the requirements for accreditation, tested by a third party conformity assessment body accredited to do so, and must issue a certificate of compliance with the applicable regulations based on that testing. Section 14(a)(2) of the CPSA, as added by section 102(a)(2) of the CPSIA, requires that certification be based on testing of sufficient samples of the product, or samples that are identical in all material respects to the product. The Commission also emphasizes that, irrespective of certification, the product in question must comply with applicable CPSC requirements (see, e.g., section 14(h) of the CPSA, as added by section 102(b) of the CPSIA).

This notice provides the criteria and process for Commission acceptance of accreditation of third party conformity assessment bodies for testing toys, pursuant to ASTM F 963–08, and for testing toy chests, pursuant to section 4.27 of ASTM F 963–07e1. ASTM F 963–08 and section 4.27 of ASTM F 963–07e1 are voluntary standards, but under section 106(a) of the CPSIA, they have become mandatory federal requirements, “except for section 4.2 and Annex 4 [of ASTM F 963], or any provision that restates or incorporates an existing mandatory standard or ban promulgated by the Commission or by statute.” Readers may obtain a copy of ASTM F 963–08 and/or ASTM F 963–07e1 from ASTM International, 100 Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, PA, 19428–2959; (610)–832–9500; http://www.astm.org.

Section 106(a) of the CPSIA states that, beginning 180 days after August 14, 2008—the date the CPSIA was enacted—ASTM F 963–07 shall be considered a consumer product safety standard issued by the Commission under section 9 of the CPSA. Under section 106(g) of the CPSIA, when ASTM proposes to revise ASTM F 963, it must notify the Commission of the proposed revision. The revised standard will be considered the revision.