Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.


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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 20 October 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Commission offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 401 F Street, NW., Washington DC 20001–2728. Items of discussion may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our Web site: http://www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by e-mailing staff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202–504–2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: September 27, 2011 in Washington DC.

Thomas Luebke,
Secretary

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2011–0070]

Alternative Testing Requirements for Small Batch Manufacturers


ACTION: Notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Section 14(i)(4)(A)(i) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2063(i)(4)(A)(i), provides that the Commission, in implementing third party testing requirements, under certain circumstances, may allow small batch manufacturers to use alternative testing requirements in lieu of testing prescribed in an applicable consumer product safety rule, ban, standard, or regulation. If, however, the Commission determines that no alternative testing requirement is available or economically practicable, it shall exempt eligible small batch manufacturers from third party testing requirements. Through this notice, the Commission is announcing that it will conduct a public hearing to receive views from all interested parties about whether such alternative testing requirements are available or economically practicable or, in the absence of economically practicable alternatives, whether an exemption from third party testing is appropriate.

DATES: The public hearing will begin at 10 a.m. EST on October 26, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in the Hearing Room, 4th Floor of the Bethesda Towers Building, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Online Registration and Webcast: Members of the public who wish to attend the public hearing are requested to preregister online at: http://www.cpsc.gov. You may preregister until 5 p.m. EST on October 25, 2011. This public hearing also will be available live via webinar on October 26, 2011, at: http://www.cpsc.gov/webcast. Registration is not necessary to view the webcast. A transcript will be made of the proceedings of the public hearing.

Oral Presentations and Written Comments: To make oral presentations, participants must preregister online. Presenters must also submit a request to make an oral presentation, and the written text of such presentation, captioned “Alternative Testing Requirements for Small Batch Manufacturers Public Hearing,” by electronic mail (e-mail) to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, or mailed or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, no later than 5 p.m. EST on October 21, 2011. Commenters should limit their presentations to 15 minutes, exclusive of questioning by the Commissioners or CPSC staff. We may limit the time further for any presentation and impose other restrictions to avoid excessive duplication of presentations.

Participants who are unable to make an oral presentation may submit written comments regarding the issues outlined under supra. Written comments must be captioned “Alternative Testing Requirements for Small Batch Manufacturers Public Hearing” by electronic mail (e-mail) to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, or mailed or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, no later than 5 p.m. EST on October 21, 2011. Any information submitted in writing or presented orally to the CPSC at the public hearing will become part of the public record.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Concerning requests and procedures for oral presentations of comments, contact: Rockelle Hammond, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–6833; e-mail: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. For all other matters, contact: Robert Howell, Deputy Executive Director, Safety Operations, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7621; e-mail: rhowell@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2063(a)(2)(A), provides that every manufacturer of a children’s product that is subject to a children’s product safety rule shall submit sufficient samples of the children’s product, or samples that are identical in all material respects to the product, to a CPSC-approved third party conformity assessment body to be tested for compliance with such children’s product safety rule. Further, section 14(i)(2) requires continued testing of children’s products, directing the Commission to, by regulation, establish protocols and standards—

(i) For ensuring that a children’s product tested for compliance with an applicable children’s product safety rule is subject to testing periodically and when there has been a material change in the product design or manufacturing process, including the sourcing of component parts;

(ii) For the testing of representative samples to ensure continued compliance;

(iii) For verifying that a children’s product tested by a conformity assessment body complies with applicable children’s product safety rules; and

(iv) For safeguarding against the undue influence on a third party conformity assessment body by a manufacturer or private labeler. The Commission has been working to adopt a testing and certification rule that sets forth the continued testing requirements mandated by section 14(i). In this context, we have explored possible alternative third party testing requirements for small batch manufacturers to reduce the burden and cost of third party testing on such