

LOG OF MEETING

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OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER THOMAS H. MOORE**

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SUBJECT: Meeting on Artificial Turf Products

DATE OF MEETING: May 12, 2008

PLACE: Conference room in suite 725, CPSC headquarters

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Michael Gougisha

DATE OF ENTRY: May 27, 2008

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Commissioner Thomas H. Moore; Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner Thomas H. Moore

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Rick Doyle - President, Synthetic Turf Council; Stanley H. Greene - President & CEO, Sprinturf; David Highfield, Center of Environment Health; Walter A. Sanders, Van Fleet Associates, Inc.; John J. Amato - President, JJA Sports; Joseph E. Motz - Chairman, Synthetic Turf Council; Kathleen Smith - Director U.S. Operations, United States Sports Surfacing Laboratory, Inc.; Phil M. Stricklen - Director Research & Development, Sportexe

SUMMARY OF MEETING: After initial greetings and introductions, Walt Sanders began the meeting by stating the purpose of the meeting was to correct any misperceptions about synthetic turf that might be resultant from recent lead testing of artificial turf fields in New Jersey. Joseph Motz then talked about the commitment of the Synthetic Turf Council to work with the Commission staff in developing a strategy for addressing any health concerns raised by lead levels in synthetic turf.

Rick Doyle then spoke about lead chromate, used in pigments as an agent to improve colorfastness, was the source of lead in synthetic turf. He indicated that lead chromate as used in synthetic turf was encapsulated, insoluble and had extremely low bioavailability.

Michael Gougisha asked whether synthetic turf as used in artificial turf sports fields would be considered a children's product as defined by either U. S. Senate or House passed legislation. Walter Sander indicated that it wouldn't and Rick Doyle indicated that the group would be addressing that issue in future Capitol Hill meetings.

Commissioner Moore indicated that the children's product issue was important because as contemplated in legislation passed by both Chambers, in general, children's products which contain lead above certain levels would be banned regardless to lead accessibility. Commissioner

Moore also indicated that it is his position that children's products should not contain lead.

The group then shared with Commissioner Moore its briefing paper which is attached to this meeting log.

Commissioner Moore then thanked the group for providing their information and encouraged them to continue working with the Commission's staff.



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The Honorable Thomas Moore
 Commissioner
 U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
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Dear Commissioner Moore:

On behalf of the Synthetic Turf Council, I want to express our appreciation to you and your able Counsel Michael Gougisha for taking time from your busy schedules to meet with us on Monday, May 12. Meeting with your office was a logical follow-up to our meeting with John Boja and other CPSC professional staff.

The meeting was constructive from a number of perspectives. First, it gave us the opportunity to provide you with a brief synopsis of our industry and the efforts to ensure that synthetic turf is safe and secure for children and adults alike. Second, it allowed us to understand your view about unacceptable lead levels. Finally, it triggered what we hope will be an ongoing dialog with your office on how we can best provide the CPSC staff with useful information about synthetic turf.

We are particularly appreciative of your admonition to ensure that our product does not become categorized as a "children's product" within the meaning of eventual conference agreement on H.R. 4040. We have taken your comments to heart and are in the process of communicating our concerns to members of the conference committee.

Again, we appreciate your time and concern with our industry.

Sincerely,

 Rick Doyle
 President

cc: Michael Gougisha, Counselor to Commissioner
 Walt A. Sanders, Esq., Van Fleet Associates, Inc.



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May 28, 2008

Mr. Rick Doyle
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Dear Mr. Doyle:

Thank you for your letter expressing appreciation for our meeting. I also appreciate you and your group coming in to educate my office on your efforts to work with CPSC's staff to ensure that synthetic turf is safe and secure for children and adults.

I do want to clarify that I did not admonish you to ensure that your product is not categorized as a "children's product". However, I did inform you that, as contemplated in legislation passed by both the U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives, in general, children's products that contain lead exceeding a defined amount would be banned regardless to accessibility.

Thank you again for sharing the information about your group and your product with my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas H. Moore".

Thomas H. Moore