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SUBJECT: Meeting of U.S. Technical Advisory Group (TAG) to ISO Technical Committee TC 181 on Toy Safety

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 1996
PLACE: 200 Fifth Ave. Club
       New York, NY

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

   David Miller, TMA
   Betsy Borelli, TMA
   Eric Tarnow, CTW
   Malcolm Denniss, Hasbro
   Jim Walter, Mattel
   James McCabe, ANSI

   Aaron Locker, TMA Counsel
   Elaine Besson, EHB Consulting
   Lindsay Harris, Fisher-Price
   Frank Olbrych, Lego
   Joel Crain, J & J Consulting

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting began with the approval of several new members to the U.S. TAG.

Mr. McCabe explained to role of ANSI and the U.S. TAG in ISO TC 181. He also discussed the activities of a CEN committee that is amending the European toy safety standard, EN 71-1.

A draft of a global standard for toy safety that had been written by representatives from Mattel, Lego and Hasbro was distributed. Differences in the requirements in the draft global standard and those in the ASTM toy safety standard, ASTM F963, were pointed out. Significant differences are requirements addressing sharp edges and points in toys for children up to 14 years of age, and a 20 lbf parallel pull in the use and abuse tension test.

Members of the TAG were requested to review the draft global standard and submit any comments to Betsy Borelli by May 22nd.

It is the intention of the TAG to have ANSI introduce the global standard to ISO for acceptance as an ISO standard for toy safety. The chairman of the ISO TC 181 committee will be asked to place a discussion of the global standard on the agenda for a November meeting of that committee in Miami, Florida.

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