



U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER NANCY NORD
ON THE VOTE TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED CIVIL PENALTY SETTLEMENT
FOR MS. BUBBLES, INC.

February 10, 2011

While I am voting to approve the proposed civil penalty settlement for Ms. Bubbles, Inc., I do so with some reservation. This settlement highlights my continuing concern that the agency needs to promulgate a rule with respect to drawstrings on children's clothing rather than just continuing to address this risk on an ad hoc enforcement basis.

Due to the press of CPSIA business, action on the agency's proposed Section 15(j) rule addressing the drawstring hazard has not been finalized. I believe that this delay in clearly setting out the rules of the road does real disservice to apparel manufacturers, importers and retailers and, ultimately, to consumers.

I strongly urge that this issue move up the queue so that a vote can be scheduled. It is an important issue that needs to be finalized so industry and consumers are officially on notice about the serious consequences of this hazard.