MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance and Enforcement Matters. In the event that the times or dates of these or any future meetings change, an announcement of the change, along with the new time and place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.cpsc.gov

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, (202) 418–5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield, Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings


TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Friday February 3, 2012.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance and Enforcement Matters. In the event that the times or dates of these or any future meetings change, an announcement of the change, along with the new time and place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.cftc.gov.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2012, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

PLACE: Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Commission Meeting—Open to the Public.


TIME AND DATE: Thursday, February 2, 2012; 2 p.m.–3 p.m.

PLACE: Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED: Compliance Status Report

The Commission staff will brief the Commission on the status of compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504–7948.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504–7923.

Dated: January 24, 2012.

Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 12–C0006]

Hewlett-Packard Company, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the Federal Register in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Hewlett-Packard Company, containing a civil penalty of $425,000.00, within twenty (20) days of service of the Commission’s final Order accepting the Settlement Agreement.1

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by February 10, 2012.

1The Commission voted 3–1 to provisionally accept this Settlement Agreement and Order. Chairman Inez M. Tenenbaum and Commissioners Nancy A. Nord and Anne M. Northup voted to provisionally accept the Settlement Agreement and Order. Commissioner Robert S. Adler voted to reject the Settlement Agreement and Order. Chairman Tenenbaum and Commissioner Adler filed statements concerning this action which may be viewed on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.cpsc.gov/pr/tetenbaum01192012.pdf and http://www.cpsc.gov/pr/adler01192012.pdf, respectively, or obtained from the Commission’s Secretariat.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 12–C0006, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 820, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy S. Colvin, General Attorney, Division of Enforcement and Information, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408; telephone (301) 504–7639.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.


Todd A. Stevenson, Secretary.

Settlement Agreement


Parties

2. The Staff is the staff of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established pursuant to, and responsible for, the enforcement of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2051–2089.

3. HP is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of Delaware, with its principal executive office located in Palo Alto, California.

Staff Allegations

4. Between December 2004 and July 2006, HP imported approximately 32,000 lithium-ion battery packs (the “Products”) that were shipped with, sold as accessories for use with, or provided as spare parts for the following HP notebook computers: the HP Pavilion dv1000, dv8000, and zd8000 series; the Compaq Presario v2000 and v2400 series; and the HP Compaq nc6110, nc6120, nc6140, nc6220, nc6230, nx4800, nx4820, nx6110, nx6120, and nx9600 models. HP, in addition to computer and electronics stores nationwide, as well as various Web retailers, sold notebook computers that contained the Products for between $700 and $3,000. The Products that were sold separately for use with the

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notebook computers recalled for between $100 and $160.
5. The Products are “consumer products” and, at all relevant times, HP was a “manufacturer” of these consumer products, which were “distributed in commerce,” as those terms are defined or used in sections 3(a)(5), (8), and (11) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5), (8), and (11).
6. The Products can overheat, posing a fire and burn hazard to consumers.
7. Between June 2005 and March 2007, HP received 17 reports of Product incidents, some of which involved flames or fires.
8. Between March 2007 and April 2007, HP conducted a study, from which it obtained additional information about the Products.
9. By September 2007, HP knew of approximately 22 reports of incidents involving the Products. In at least two of those incidents, the Products caused injury to consumers. In at least one of those incidents, the consumer apparently went to the hospital. HP did not receive any information on the consumer’s injuries or treatment, if any.
10. Despite being aware of the information set forth in Paragraphs 6 through 9, HP did not report to the Commission until July 25, 2008. By that time, HP was aware of at least 31 reports of incidents involving the Products, which had caused injuries to at least two consumers. HP also was aware that at least one consumer apparently went to the hospital because of an incident involving the Product. Following consultation with the Commission from July to October 2008, the Products were recalled in October 2008.
11. Although HP had obtained sufficient information to reasonably support the conclusion that the Products contained a defect which could create a substantial product hazard, or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death, HP failed to immediately inform the Commission of such defect or risk, as required by sections 15(b)(3) and (4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b)(3) and (4). In failing to immediately inform the Commission, HP knowingly violated section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4), as the term “knowingly” is defined in section 20(d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069(d).
12. Pursuant to section 20 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069, HP is subject to civil penalties for its knowing failure to report, as required under section 15(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b).

Response Of Hewlett-Packard Company
13. On or about October 30, 2008, the Commission, in cooperation with HP and other companies, announced a voluntary recall of the Products. The recall announcement can be accessed at: http://www.cpsc.gov/cpspub/prerel/prhtmlo9/09035.html.
14. HP denies all of the Staff’s allegations, including, but not limited to, the allegations that the Products (or the notebooks with which the Products were used) could create an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death, or that HP violated the reporting requirements of the CPSA. HP further denies that it committed any violation of the CPSA “knowingly,” as that term is defined in Section 20(d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069(d). With respect to the voluntary recall of the Products and the communications/reports leading up to that recall, HP acted in accordance with the CPSA and in its customers’ best interests.

Agreement of the Parties
15. Under the CPSA, the Commission has jurisdiction over this matter and over HP.
16. In settlement of the Staff’s allegations, HP shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars ($425,000.00) within 20 calendar days of receiving service of the Commission’s final Order accepting the Agreement. The payment shall be made by check payable to the order of the United States Treasury.
17. In consideration of HP’s payment, the Commission agrees to release HP, as well as its current and former directors, officers, trustees, employees, agents, and representatives from any civil claim that the Commission has or may have against those parties arising out of or relating to the recall of October 30, 2008, or the Staff’s allegations that HP failed to report in a timely manner a potential hazard involving the Products.
18. The parties enter into this Agreement for settlement purposes only. The Agreement does not constitute an admission by HP or a determination by the Commission that HP knowingly violated the CPSA’s reporting requirements. The Agreement by the parties of the terms and conditions set forth herein is without any adjudication of any issue of fact or law.
19. Upon provisional acceptance of the Agreement by the Commission, the Agreement shall be placed on the public record and published in the Federal Register, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 16 CFR 1118.20(e). If the Commission does not receive any written request not to accept the Agreement within fifteen (15) calendar days, the Agreement shall be deemed finally accepted on the 16th calendar day after the date it is published in the Federal Register, in accordance with 16 CFR 1118.20(f).
20. Upon the Commission’s final acceptance of the Agreement and issuance of the final Order, HP knowingly, voluntarily, and completely waives any rights it may have in this matter to the following: (i) An administrative or judicial hearing; (ii) judicial review or other challenge or contest of the Commission’s actions; (iii) a determination by the Commission of whether HP failed to comply with the CPSA and the underlying regulations; (iv) a statement of findings of fact and conclusions of law; and (v) any claims under the Equal Access to Justice Act.
21. The Commission may publicize the terms of the Agreement and the Order.
22. The Agreement and the Order shall apply to, and be binding upon, HP and each of its successors and/or assigns.
23. The Commission issues the Order under the provisions of the CPSA, and a violation of the Order may subject HP and each of its successors and/or assigns to appropriate legal action.
24. The Agreement may be used in interpreting the Order. Understandings, agreements, representations, or interpretations apart from those contained in the Agreement and the Order may not be used to vary or contradict their terms. The Agreement shall not be waived, amended, modified, or otherwise altered without written agreement executed by the party against whom such waiver, amendment, modification, or alteration is sought to be enforced.
25. If any provision of the Agreement and the Order is held to be illegal, invalid, or unenforceable under present or future laws effective during the terms of the Agreement and the Order, such provision shall be fully severable. The balance of the Agreement and the Order shall remain in full force and effect, unless the Commission and HP agree that severing the provision materially affects the purpose of the Agreement and Order.
26. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts.

Hewlett-Packard Company
Dated: December 15, 2011.

By:
James Mouton,
Hewlett-Packard Company,
Senior Vice President & General Manager,
Personal Systems Group,
PC Global Business Unit,
11445 Compaq Center Dr W,
Houston, TX 77070.
Dated: December 20, 2011.
Sarah L. Wilson, Esquire,
Covington & Burling LLP,
1201 Pennsylvania Ave. NW.,
Washington, DC 20004,
Counsel for Hewlett-Packard Company.
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Staff.
Cheryl A. Falvey,
General Counsel.
Melissa V. Hampshire,
Assistant General Counsel.
Dated: January 9, 2012.

By:
Amy S. Colvin,
General Attorney, Division of Enforcement
and Information, Office of the General
Counsel.

Order

Upon consideration of the Settlement
Agreement entered into between
Hewlett-Packard Company (“HP”), and
the U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission (“Commission”) staff, and
the Commission having jurisdiction
over the subject matter and over HP, and
it appearing that the Settlement
Agreement and the Order are in the
public interest, it is

Ordered that the Settlement
Agreement be, and hereby is, accepted;
and it is

Further ordered that HP shall pay a
civil penalty in the amount of four
hundred twenty-five thousand dollars
($425,000.00) within twenty (20)
calendar days of service of the
Commission’s final Order accepting the
Settlement Agreement. The payment
shall be made by check payable to the
order of the United States Treasury. Upon
the failure of HP to make the
foregoing payment when due, interest
on the unpaid amount shall accrue and
be paid by HP at the federal legal rate
of interest set forth at 28 U.S.C. 1961(a)
and (b).

Provisionally accepted and provisional
Order issued on the 20th day of January,
2012.

By Order of the Commission:
Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

DATE: This proposed action will be
effective on February 27, 2012 unless
comments are received which result in
a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
identified by docket number and title,
by any of the following methods:

* Federal Rulemaking Portal: http://
  www.regulations.gov.

Follow the instructions for submitting
comments.

* Mail: Federal Docket Management
  System Office, 4800 Mark Center Drive,
  East Tower, 2nd Floor, Suite 02G09,
  Alexandria, VA 22350–3100.

Instructions: All submissions received
must include the agency name and
docket number for this Federal Register
document. The general policy for
comments and other submissions from
members of the public is to make these
submissions available for public
viewing on the Internet at http://
www.regulations.gov as they are
received without change, including any
personal identifiers or contact
information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms.
Evelyn Hearne, USCENTCOM CCJ6–RDF,
7115 South Boundary Blvd., MacDill
AFB, FL 33621–5101 or at (813) 827–
7482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S.
Central Command systems of records
notices subject to the Privacy Act of
1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have
been published in the Federal Register
and are available from the address in
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.

The U.S. Central Command proposes to
amend one system of records notice
from its inventory of record systems
subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5
U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The proposed
amendment is not within the purview of
subsection (s) of the Privacy Act of 1974
(5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which
requires the submission of a new or
altered system report.


Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison
Officer, Department of Defense.

SYSTEM NAME:
Combined Mild Traumatic Brain
Injury Registry (September 30, 2010, 75
FR 60431).

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention relates to
methods of preventing or reducing the
incidence of transfusion-related malaria,
and the use of magnetism to accomplish
this. Announcement is made of the
availability for licensing of the
invention set forth in U.S. Provisional
Patent Application Serial No. 61/
584,977, entitled “Use of Magnetism to
Inactivate, Kill and/or Remove Malaria
Parasites from Transfused Blood and
Apparatus and Kits for Accomplishing the Same.”

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army
Medical Research and Materiel
Command, ATTN: Command Judge
Advocate, MCMR–JA, 504 Scott Street,
Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702–
5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ms. Elizabeth Arwine,

FOR LICENSING CONTACT:
Dr. Paul Mele,
Office of Research and Technology Applications
(ORTA), (301) 619–6664, (501) 619–5034.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: The
invention relates to methods of
preventing or reducing the incidence of
transfusion-related malaria, and, in
particular, to inactivating, killing and/or
removing malaria parasites from blood
supplies such as whole blood, platelets,
plasma or other components of blood.

Brenda S. Bowen,
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