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## AHAM PARTICIPATES IN U.S.-CHINA CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY SUMMIT

**WASHINGTON, DC (October 13, 2011)** — Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) President Joseph M. McGuire will participate in the 4th biennial United States-China Consumer Product Safety Summit being held in Washington, DC, October 13-14, 2011. The Summit is being held in partnership with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ).

McGuire will participate in a panel discussion titled "Global Best Practices in Product Design" on Thursday, October 13 along with Mr. Mark Kumagai, Director of Electrical Engineering, CPSC; and Ms. Kitty Pilarz, Senior Director, Mattel Product Safety, Fisher-Price.

McGuire's presentation will stress that, "AHAM members are continually working to improve their products and processes. Their focus on product safety is ongoing, ingrained and evolving. Through AHAM, the manufacturers work together to improve safety standards to ensure they keep pace with technology, consumer trends and innovation."

The Summit focuses on Building a Culture of Consumer Product Safety in China, and will include keynote addresses from the U.S. CPSC's Chairman Inez Tenenbaum and China's AQSIQ's, Vice Minister Sun Dawei.

More information about the Summit can be found [here](#). It is also being streamed live and may be viewed [here](#). The "Global Best Practices in Product Design" panel will begin at 2:00 pm, Eastern.

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