

PRODUCT SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

JUNE 23, 1980

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7mm EXPRESS REMINGTON

In connection with a complaint from a Massachusetts customer, a Remington Model 700 rifle with a bolt lockup together with the box of 7mm Express Remington ammunition which was in use at the time of the incident, was returned to Remington for examination. The Quality Manager reported that the test results showed that the returned ammunition contained higher than standard pressures, but below the proof pressure range. Examination of the powder revealed a two component powder blend, which included a small grain powder like 4198 in the standard 7514 powder. The powder supply had been obtained from Valleyfield. It was reported that this powder contamination was capable of causing higher than standard pressure in 7mm Express Remington ammunition.

The suspect ammunition came from Lot M09I, which contained 22,100 rounds and was loaded on August 9, 1979.