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## DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

**SUBJECT:** ASTM Subcommittee F15.45 for Candle Products

**DATE OF MEETING:** May 5, 2000

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**SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY:** Allyson Tenney, ESME (AT)

**LOCATION:** Washington Renaissance Hotel, Washington, DC

**CPSC ATTENDEES:** Kris Hatlelid, HS; Signe Hiser, EPHA;  
Joe Puskar, LSE; Allyson Tenney, ESME

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:** ASTM F 15.45 members and other interested parties.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

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The meeting of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Subcommittee F 15.45 for Candle Products was conducted by Chairman Tom Kreilik. John Root, chairman of the **Task Group on Labeling**, reported on the balloting results of the labeling standard. The negative comments were addressed and resolved during the meeting. Minor changes and revisions will be made to the labeling standard and a final version will be re-balloted.

Chairman of the **Task Group on Glass Containers**, Stephanie Bohrer, reported on the progress of the group. The group is planning to first address annealing characteristics by using existing ASTM glass annealing standard C 148. The task group will continue meeting via conference telephone calls to discuss other aspects of the standard.

George Pappas and Carl Hudson reported on the progress of the **Task Group on Smoking**. The work to date on the draft Candle Smoke Test Method was discussed. A copy of the test method and test procedure was distributed during the meeting for review and comment. The Task Group will continue to conduct experiments and intends to use comments to further modify the test method and procedure. The next step will be to proceed with round robin testing.

Jim Becker and Jeb Head, members of the newly formed **Task Group on Wicks and Lead**, explained that the group was established to develop a widely useful standard for lead content in candle wicks. The group plans to determine an appropriate maximum



level for lead in metal cores used in wicks and will develop analytical procedures for measuring the lead content in metal cores. The group plans to meet via conference telephone calls until meeting again in San Diego in October 2000 with the F 15.45 Subcommittee meeting.

The subject of self-extinguishing candles was brought up under New/Old Business. According to a member of the National Candle Association's Performance Standard Subcommittee, the group is evaluating 15 characteristics, one being self-extinguishing capabilities, in the hopes to develop performance standards for safe candles. The group is in the midst of its work but has not made any decisions at this time.

The next meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F 15.45 will be October 2000 in San Diego, California. The spring 2001 meeting, tentatively during April, will be held in Baltimore, Maryland.