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SUBJECT: ASTM E05.15 Subcommittee on Fire Standards

DATE: April 3-4, 1995

PLACE: National Institute for Standards and Technology
Gaithersburg, MD

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

- Marcelo Hirschler, Chairman
- Vyto Babrauskas
- John Hall
- Gordon Damant
- John Michener
- Paul Dillon
- Tom Fritz
- John Krasny
- Rick Peacock
- King-Mon Tu
- Hugh Talley
- Paul Weinle
- Kurt Reimann
- other subcommittee members

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: James F. Hoebel, Engineering Sciences
Dale Ray, Economic Analysis

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SUMMARY OF MEETING: This was a regular subcommittee meeting, in which 13 task groups/working groups reviewed progress. Items of interest to CPSC included:

Wall Coverings. Data were presented trying to correlate room corner tests with bench scale tests.

Upholstered Furniture (small scale). The task group seeks repeatability data on furniture tests for rate of heat release, peak rate of heat release, etc. The data table provided was very limited and not very useful. The task group chairman felt that individual investigators had some data in their possession, and he implored them to provide the data to the task group. Reliable rate of heat release data are essential for input into hazard and risk assessment computer models, such as the furniture risk assessment model developed for the National Fire Protection Research Foundation.

Mattresses. A project was outlined to conduct a series of tests to establish precision and bias. The project would be sponsored by the Sleep Products Safety Council. About 10 laboratories are prepared to participate at no cost.

Cigarettes. A draft test method, based on the mock up



developed by NIST under the Fire Safe Cigarette Act of 1990, was circulated to the subcommittee for comment.

Cone Calorimeter Applications. Negative comments on a ballot for testing of wallcovering composites were reviewed.

Stacking Chairs. Data from one laboratory were presented to illustrate repeatability of this test method. Reproducibility has not been determined. The data show that relatively high heat release rates are produced in stacking chair fires.

Other agenda items included Rail Transportation, School Buses, Floor Coverings, Terminology, Large Scale Furniture, Furniture Hazard Assessment, and Vandalism/Wear & Tear.

Log of Meeting

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Subject: Proposed PPPA protocol revisions.

Date of Meeting: April 5, 1995.

Location of Meeting: Williams and Jensen, 1155 21st Street, NW, Suite 300, Washington, DC.

Date of Log Entry: May 2, 1995.

CPSC Attendees: Eric Rubel, General Counsel and Robert Wager, Director, Office of Congressional Relations.

Non-CPSC Attendees: William Bradley, Nonprescription Drug Manufacturers Association; Darla Williamson, Closure Manufacturers Association; Jack McMackin, Williams & Jensen; Sally Pfund, Williams & Jensen; John Whelan, BNA; and Nick Wakeman, PSL.

Summary of Meeting: The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed protocol revisions to test child-resistant packages under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act of 1970. There was further discussion of the issues raised by industry and CPSC at the meeting on March 22, 1995. (See Log of Meeting.)

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