

LOG OF MEETING

DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee F15.45 for Candle Products-
Fire Safety Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: October 9-10, 2002

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: December 31, 2002

SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Allyson Tenney, Engineering Sciences 

LOCATION: Columbus Courtyard by Marriott, Columbus, Ohio

CPSC ATTENDEES: Allyson Tenney, Engineering Sciences

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: ASTM F 15.45 Fire Safety Task Group members

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Members of the ASTM F15.45 Fire Safety Task Group (Candle Products) met at the Columbus Courtyard by Marriott.

The *Provisional Fire Safety Specification for Candles*, has been revised based on the comments and changes discussed during the full F15.45 Subcommittee meeting held in Las Vegas, Nevada in September 2002. The glass manufacturers continue to have concerns regarding the flame height section of the standard. However, the standard is going to ballot without changes to the flame height section. The goal is to have the Provisional standard out by January 2003.

The group opened a discussion regarding the term "self-extinguishing." Several task group members have expressed concern with this term, claiming that it is misleading and inaccurate. The group has agreed to consider alternative terminology. The preferred term is "end of useful life."

The next phase of standard development will focus on end of useful life issues for other candle types including, tealights, votives, freestanding, novelties, and tapers. Gel candles are also a primary topic as well as ignitable accessories and holders. The group hoped to have accessory manufacturers or retailers participate and has asked CPSC to assist in writing a formal request.

The group is still attempting to have a representative of NASFM participate. The next meetings are scheduled as follows: January 21-22, 2003; March 26-27, 2003 and May 21-22, 2003. All will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

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