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LOG OF MEETING

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SUBJECT: Conference call with ASTM Candle Labeling Standard Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: January 29, 1998

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SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Carolyn Meiers, ESHF

LOCATION: CPSC, Room 612, East West Towers

CPSC ATTENDEES:

Carolyn Meiers, ESHF
Jim Hoebel, ES

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:

John Baker, Pier 1 Imports
Mary Ann Davidson, S C Johnson
Bob Nelson, Yankee Candle Co.
Brenda Nuite, Dial Corporation
Melissa Rodrigo, Bath & Body Works
John Root, A.I. Root Company
Marianne McDermott, National Candle Association

SUMMARY OF MEETING: This conference call represented the second meeting of the labeling task group. John Root, the task group chairman, acknowledged that the Product Labeling Guide: Literature Review, sent by CPSC staff to the task group members after the last meeting was very helpful. The group discussed specific wording for warnings to accompany candles. The task group agreed on the following wording:

Warning To Prevent Fire

Stay within view of a burning candle.
Keep out of reach of children and pets.
Never burn a candle on or near anything that can catch fire.

The above statements were chosen by the group to correspond to fire data that indicated that 59% of candle-related fires were attributed to candles left burning unattended or abandoned; 16% of the fires were attributed to candles that were placed too near to combustible materials; and 10% of the fires were attributed to children playing with candles. Carolyn Meiers suggested the committee obtain a copy of the ANSI Standard Z535.4-1991, Product Safety Signs and Labels, to help in the design of the label.

John Root will present this wording to the Subcommittee on Candle Products at the next meeting scheduled for April 17, 1998 in Baltimore, MD for further discussion.

