

CPSC MEETING LOG

UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

Meeting Between: CPSC staff and Elk Corporation

Date of Meeting: August 14, 2002

Meeting Site: CPSC Engineering Laboratory, Gaithersburg, MD

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Participants: Dr. Louis Hahn, Technology Center Manager, Elk Corp.
Jessica Franken, INDA (Ass'n. of the Nonwovens Industry)
Linda Fansler, CPSC / ESEL
Edward Krawiec, CPSC / ESEL
Dale Ray, CPSC / EC

Summary:

Dr. Hahn requested this meeting to observe the CPSC staff's flammability testing of upholstered furniture. Elk Corporation previously donated some of its Versa-Shield™ barrier product to the agency for testing and research in support of the staff's work to develop a possible small open flame standard. The staff demonstrated several different furniture seating mockup tests, including tests using Elk's barrier products. The participants discussed various aspects of the staff's draft standard and test method, and the differences between the CPSC staff's draft standard and the California Bureau of Home Furnishings' draft revised standard, Technical Bulletin 117. Dr. Hahn said that Elk planned to conduct additional research into possible furniture applications for its barrier products.

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