

LOG OF MEETING

DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Bedding Committee of the National Textile Association (NTA)

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LOCATION: Room 714, CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda, MD

CPSC ATTENDEES: See attached list of attendees.

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: See attached list of attendees.

SUMMARY OF MEETING: The National Textile Association's Bedding Committee includes representatives from major bedding producers: Dan River, Springs Industries, and Westpoint Stevens. These companies produce 90% of the filled bedding products sold in the U.S. Shells are typically made overseas and filled here. Pillows are filled with slickened polyester; quilts and comforters with clean, low-melt polyester.

The Committee has been working with the California Bureau of Home Furnishings as they develop TB 604, a standard for the flammability of filled bedclothes. In order to meet the current draft standard, the industry prefers a change in the interior materials rather than topical flame retardant treatments. Durability is an issue with bedclothes products because they are cleaned or laundered during use. They expect that the total amount of consumer spending for bedclothes made to meet new flammability requirements will remain constant which means the number of items purchased will decline.

While the Committee still has some technical issues with the test method, they are pleased that CBHF will be conducting a precision & bias study. They are concerned that retailers have not been involved in this process and believe that strict enforcement will be needed.

The Committee offered its support to any CPSC bedclothes standard development efforts. Their concerns include direct contact with and durability of flame retardants used on bedclothes, especially sheets. There is also no known process for flame retarding cotton/polyester blend fabrics.

CPSC STANDARD DEVELOPMENT

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