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**SUBJECT:** Meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F15.22 for Toy Safety.

**DATE:** August 2, 1994

**PLACE:** 200 Fifth Avenue Club  
New York, NY.

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** John Preston, ESME *JP*

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

John Preston, ESME

Marilyn Wind, HSPS

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

David Miller, President, TMA  
Aaron Locker, Counsel, TMA  
Joe Wilkerson, Roadmaster  
Kenneth Marcus, Dolly, Inc.  
Diane Bové, Eden Toys  
David Dick, ACTS Testing Labs.  
Jerry Rasor, Tyco, Inc.  
Malcolm Denniss, Hasbro, Inc.  
Lindsey Harris, Fisher-Price  
Karl Wojahn, Mattel, Inc.  
John Fusi, JCF  
Mary Fritz, Mattel, Inc.

Elizabeth Borelli, TMA  
Paul Ware, Safety First, Inc.  
Frank Olbrych, Lego Systems  
Nancy MacPherson, Lego Systems  
Eric Tarnow, C.T.W.  
Tom Mazurek, ACTS Testing Labs.  
Jeff Lipias, ITS-Labtest  
John Costello, Buddy-L  
David Bergman, Processed Plastic  
Jerry Lynch, Little Tikes  
Rachel Murray, Lewis Galoob

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The chairman opened the meeting by identifying those attendees who were voting members of the ASTM F15.22 subcommittee. He said that only members with a voting privilege could vote on issues that would be resolved at this meeting.

The chairman summarized comments that had accompanied a negative vote cast by Meyer Rosen in the recent ASTM F15 Committee ballot of the revision of the toy safety standard. He said that the activity to revise the standard had been ongoing for about three years and, until the time of this ballot, nobody had raised the issue of the inadequacy of using the wearing apparel standard (16 CFR Part 1610) for textiles in toys. He said he had called Mr. Rosen and requested withdrawal of the negative vote with the understanding that the subcommittee would examine the issue of textile flammability during the next revision of the standard. Mr. Rosen initially agreed to this proposal but later changed his mind. The chairman noted that the publication of the revised standard would be delayed 2-3 weeks because of Mr. Rosen's refusal to withdraw his negative vote. Mr. Miller said he intended to place the subject of the toy

fabric flammability requirements on the agenda for the next F15.22 Subcommittee meeting in 1995. Meanwhile, he suggested that the negative ballot be ruled non-persuasive since it did not address any changes that were being made to the standard during this revision.

John Preston noted that during the 20 years that he had worked for CPSC he was aware of only two incidents involving toys that were alleged to present a flammability hazard and neither of these had caused a burn injury. Therefore, he said that the absence of any injury data to substantiate that the current flammability requirements are inadequate may be a reason to determine that this negative vote should be ruled non-persuasive. He said that he did not want to see the other improvements in this revision of the standard delayed because of this negative vote. A motion was approved to rule that the negative vote from Mr. Rosen was non-persuasive. This decision will be forwarded to the ASTM staff manager with a request that it be balloted by the F15 Committee.

The chairman noted that a number of comments had accompanied affirmative votes and these would be fully discussed during 1995.

There was discussion on when manufacturers should comply with the revised standard. A questionnaire had been circulated to 50 companies that represent 60-80% of the toys sold in the U.S. Responses to the questionnaire indicated that manufacturers could comply by July 1995. Major retailers will be informed of this date.

The chairman informed attendees of a request from the CPSC chairman to reexamine provisions to address choking on small figures with rounded ends and fabric components and decreasing the maximum permissible length of strings on crib toys. He said he would appoint people to chair task groups to examine these issues next week. He also said he would like to see CPSC staff represented on each of these task groups.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned

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