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Log of Meeting

Subject: ASME A17/B44 Existing Installations Committee

Date of Meeting: December 8, 1997

Date of Entry: December 10, 1997

Log Entry Source: Scott Snyder, ESME (x1317)

Location: United Engineering Center, 345 East 47th St., NY, NY
10017

CPSC Attendee(s): Scott Snyder

Non-CPSC Attendees: See Attendance List (to follow, when
available from ASME)

Summary of Meeting: See Meeting Agenda (Attached)

Meeting Minutes (to follow, when available from ASME)





AGENDA

A17 EXISTING INSTALLATIONS COMMITTEE

United Engineering Center
345 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017
8th Floor Boardroom

December 8, 1997
Monday

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER - 9.00 a.m.
- 2.0 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE
- 3.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 4.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- 5.0 APPROVAL OF THE June 2, 1997 MINUTES
- 6.0 PERSONNEL

The current roster is contained in **Attachment 1**. Members were requested to report any updates or corrections to the Secretary. An attendance record is included in **Attachment 1 page 6**.

- 6.1 Applications for Membership
- 6.2 Reappointments
- 6.3 Resignations

Attachment 1 page 7 contains a letter of resignation from Mr. Rehman.

- 7 REQUESTS FOR INTERPRETATION

7.1 Inquiry 97-33 (Attachment 2a)

Subject: Rule 305.1a of A17.1 and Rule 3.9.1 of A17.3
Normal Terminal Stopping Devices

Edition: A17.1-1996
A17.3-1996

Question:

We have quite a number of hydraulic elevators where the bottom terminal stopping device is used for the normal stopping means. The car cam activates this device for the slow down and the elevator stops at the terminal landing by the leveling device. There are two top terminal devices and an emergency terminal when required, plus the leveling device. In the arrangement described, would the bottom terminal condition comply with A17.1 Rule 305.1a and A17.3 Rule 3.9.1?

8 HARMONIZATION (Attachment 3)

The following TR's are tabled due to harmonization:

TR 93-16	Overlay
TR 93-44	A17.3 Paragraph 2.2.2, Machine Room Access
TR 93-96	A17.1 Rule 111.6b, Hoistway Task Group on Interlocks
TR 94-120	A17.1 Rules 1202.13, 1203.8h(3), Standby Power
TR 95-09	A17.1 Rule 1202.12f, Entrances

Background: *Jun 95:* The ASME A17/B44 Binational Code Project Working Committee Guidelines was distributed. Mr. Donoghue summarized the intent of the harmonization process and mentioned that the Main Committee wants all working committees to consider harmonization their top priority. It was suggested that each TR be revisited to see if it is pertinent to the harmonization issue. A Task Group consisting of Messrs. Saxer, Taylor, Gregory, Lloyd, and Nyborg, was later formed to begin work on the harmonization process.

Sep 95: Mr. Saxer explained the A17 and B44 Committees' intent to combine the two separate North American elevator standards into one document. Mr. White suggested that the committee should start thinking about incorporating A17.3 into A17.1 so that harmonization task would be easier. He made a motion to request a TR for this purpose; however, although the motion was seconded, it was pointed out that this action was out of order under the harmonization guidelines developed by the Main Committee. Mr. Donoghue suggested that the Committee prepare a list of the comparable A17.1 and B44 requirements. Mr. White expressed his opinion that A17.3 should be included in the harmonization process. Mr. Donoghue explained to him that the Working Committee Guidelines only refer to A17.1. The Secretary was requested to provide members of the Task Group with a soft copy of the A17.1 Part XII requirements, if available. Mr. Hough volunteered to provide a copy of his tabulation of the comparison between the A17.1 and B44 Standards. Mr. Burklund was requested to do the same for Sections 1206 and 1207.

Feb 96: Mr. Saxer reported that the Task Group met in December to perform a comparison between A17.1 and B44. The Task Group report was presented.

Sep 96: The Task Group report has been submitted to the Secretary of the CSA B44 Committee. It was reported that Dave McColl was assigned by the B44 Committee to review the A17 EI report. A tabulation of the B44 shopping list is expected back by the 1st of the year.

Feb 97: Mr. Saxer thanked Mr. Rehman for making the Committee's task a lot simpler. Mr. White expressed disappointment that because of the harmonization effort, all other TR's will be delayed, specifically TR 96-04. Mr. Donoghue explained that TR 96-04 was forwarded to the Maintenance Committee and is proceeding. The Committee then reviewed the draft prepared by Mr. Rehman and made the necessary revisions. Mr. Burklund presented his proposed harmonized table for Sections 1207 and 1208. Mr. Rehman requested that discussion on this section be deferred until he is able to review it further. Mr. Saxer thanked Mr. Burklund for his work. The following points were made:

- All references to repair, replacement, or maintenance are to be stricken and transferred to the Maintenance Committee.
- Completed table should show all approved TR's for the 1997 addenda
- Substitute Section 1219 for Section 1204
- Sections 1207 and 1208 will still need to be reviewed by the B44 Committee.

There was also some discussion on a need for a modified definition of *alteration*. Reference was made to a proposal that was balloted within the Existing Installations Committee. Members who had concerns with the proposed language were encouraged to propose changes wherever necessary. It was VOTED (3 Opposed - Hayes, Hines, White) to recommend the following changes to Section III, Definitions, of the proposed harmonized draft

alteration - upgrading of any change to equipment including its parts, components, and/or subsystems other than maintenance, repair, or replacement to enhance safety or serviceability or both.

modernization - see *alteration*.

Jun 97: The Committee conducted a final review of the proposed harmonization draft. It was agreed to use Part X language for Rule 1200.1, and to recommend similar language to the Maintenance, Repair and Replacement Committee for consistency. Messrs. Donoghue and Saxer volunteered to verify cross-references with respect to the redesignated Rules in the proposed binational Code.. It was also agreed to send the change to Rule 1202.10c, Decrease in Rated Speed, to the Maintenance Committee. The Secretary was requested to update the table to include all revisions approved for the 1997 addenda. The table should then be sent to Carl White of the Escalator and Moving Walks Committee so that all cross references can be checked prior to balloting.

Discussion: The Part XII tabulation was sent to the Main Committee for letter ballot (see Attachment 3). Comments resulting from the ballot are contained in Attachment 3a.

9.0 TECHNICAL REVISIONS

Attachment 4 contains a list of all current A17 EI TR's.

9.1 TR 95-74c References to B29.1 (Attachment 5)

Background: *Sep 95:* Members were referred to a letter from Mr. Ken Smith regarding recommendations from the B29 Committee. Mr. Saxer mentioned that all references to chains in A17.3 originated from the Mechanical Design Committee and felt that the recommended changes should first be referenced by the A17.1. It was later VOTED to approve the following response to the recommended changes: References in A17.1 Part XII and A17.3 were derived from Table 4a of A17.1. We will incorporate the applicable references when the A17.1 Reference Section has been updated.

Feb 96: It was reported that several Committees are still reviewing this TR, and the above recommendation will be forwarded to the Editorial Committee for coordination.

Apr 96: It was voted to send a letter to the Mechanical Design Committee requesting comment on TR 95-74c.

Sep 96, Feb 97, Jun 97: Awaiting comment from the Mechanical Design Committee.

Discussion: No action; awaiting comment from the Mechanical Design Committee.

9.2 TR 97-21 A17.3 Para. 4.3.3 Hydraulic cylinders (Attachment 6)

Background: *Jun 97:* The Committee reviewed a proposal from Mr. Saxer regarding hydraulic cylinders which are installed below ground. It was voted to submit TR 97-21 to the Main Committee for letter ballot consideration.

10 NEW BUSINESS

10.1 A17.3 Appendix D (Attachment 7)

Attachment 7 contains a proposed revision to Appendix D of A17.3 from Mr. Saxer.

10.2 A17.3 Deck Barricades 5.1.X (Attachment 8)

Attachment 8 contains a proposed revision from Mr. Saxer.

11 OTHER BUSINESS

12 REFERENCE OF A17.3 BY JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITIES

Areas and jurisdictions which enforce the A17.3 Code for all existing installations:

- Arkansas (A17.3-1990 up to 1992)*
- Springfield, IL
- Overland Park, KS (A17.3-1990)
- Kentucky (A17.3-1990)*
- Louisville, KY (A17.3-1990)*
- New Orleans, LA (A17.3-1990)*
- Oklahoma City, OK
- St. Paul, MN (A17.3-1987)*
- Kansas City, MO (A17.3-1986)*
- Carson City, NV
- Texas (A17.3-1993) 1994, 1995, with modifications
- Tulsa, OK
- Rhode Island*
- South Carolina (A17.3-1986), with modifications
- BOCA Building Code - 1991, 1994, 1997 (Jun 91)*
- NFPA 101-1991, 1994, 1997 Edition (Jun 91)

Members are requested to forward any updates and/or corrections to the Secretary.

Feb 97: Mr. Saxer reported that he checked with the office of the States of Rhode Island and Connecticut regarding adoption of A17.3, and each person gave different answers. He reported that the Chief Elevator Inspector advised him that the State of Connecticut does not adopt A17.3 in its entirety. Mr. Donoghue reported that NEII is trying to encourage enforcing authorities to adopt A17.3. Mr. Saxer volunteered to draft a letter asking whether local authorities adopt A17.3 in its entirety. This will be forwarded to the Secretary to send out to state and local elevator officials.

Discussion: Attachment 9 contains a sample letter which is being sent to state and local authorities. Mr. Saxer will report on the responses received.

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

Attachment 10 contains a listing of A17 Committee meetings.

14 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting is scheduled to adjourn no later than 5:00 p.m.



SUPPLEMENT TO THE AGENDA

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The following additional items were received very recently:

6.0 Personnel

Attachment A contains letters from Messrs. Butler and Padgett requesting that their membership status be changed to corresponding member.

8 Harmonization

Attachment B contains comments from the B44 Committee.

Attachment C contains additional comments from Mr. Mansour.

9.2 TR 97-21

Attachment D contains the results of the Main Committee letter ballot of TR 97-21.

10.3 TR 97-82

Attachment E contains a new proposal to revise A17.3, Paragraph 2.1.5(b).

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Aranzamendez".

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MEETING LOG

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Meeting Between: CPSC staff and members of the ASTM E5.15 Subcommittee on Furnishings & Contents, and ASTM Work Group on Small Open Flame Ignition of Upholstered Furniture

Date of Meeting: December 9, 1997

Site of Meeting: Sheraton San Diego Hotel, San Diego, CA

Meeting Topic: Upholstered Furniture Flammability

Log Entry By: Dale R. Ray, EC
Project Mgr., Upholstered Furniture

Participants: ASTM: Kurt Reimann, BASF Corp. (Work Group Chmn.)
Henry Roux, Roux Int'l. (Work Group Chmn.)
Tom Fritz, Armstrong (Subcommittee Chmn.)
and about 50 other members and attendees

CPSC: Dale Ray, Project Manager

Summary:

This meeting of the ASTM E.05-15 Subcommittee included discussion of two topics related to CPSC's work in the upholstered furniture flammability area: activities of the Small Open Flame Ignition Work Group; and activities of the Cigarette Ignition Propensity Work Group. Dr. Reimann, chairman of the small open flame work group, moderated the discussion on upholstered furniture; Dr. Roux, new chairman of the cigarette ignition work group, led the discussion on that topic.

Mr. Ray presented an update of CPSC activities on upholstered furniture flammability, including a summary of the information and recommendations in the October, 1997 CPSC staff briefing package on small open flame and cigarette ignition fire hazards. Information new to the ASTM work group included results of the CPSC staff's fire investigation study, bench scale testing, economic analysis, and flame retardant chemical toxicity review. The provision's of the staff's draft small open flame standard were also discussed. Mr. Ray also reiterated the staff's continuing support for the work group's activities that could lead to either an ASTM voluntary standard or to small open flame provisions in the existing UFAC voluntary program. Mr. Ray addressed a number of questions from the meeting participants about various aspects of the CPSC standards development process.



Topics included:

- o the potential benefits of raising the level of industry conformance to the UFAC program, as an alternative to a standard;
- o the procedure under which CPSC might consider ongoing voluntary standards development work, or defer to an existing voluntary standard;
- o concerns about the use of non-FR foam filling materials under the draft standard;
- o conditions or scenarios represented by CPSC's chemical laboratory tests;
- o the possibility of adopting existing U.K. regulations in their entirety, instead of specific portions; and
- o whether the California foams tested in CPSC's bench scale program actually complied with California's TB-117 standard.

Dr. Reimann also stated his view that the mockup seating area test in the CPSC staff's draft standard, which examines the performance of fabrics over a standard foam, would ease the burden of a standard on industry, and may therefore be a more workable approach for the work group. The work group plans to continue its activities regardless of the Commission's upcoming vote on regulatory options. Members of the work group also stated their support for CPSC's intention to gather additional information on the FR chemical toxicity issue.

In the cigarette ignition propensity test discussion, several subcommittee members made presentations supporting their votes on whether to adopt a recent NIST test method as a proposed ASTM test. There was substantial discussion about the tobacco industry's statistical analysis of NIST's test data. The continuing disagreement over whether the NIST test adequately measures cigarette ignition propensity did not appear to be near resolution.

**LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

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SUBJECT: Conference call with ASTM Candle Labeling Standard Task Group

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DATE OF MEETING: December 10, 1997

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: December 17, 1997

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
Michael Kohlmann, Molca Design
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
Christine Ames, Product Safety Letter

SUMMARY OF MEETING: This conference call represented the initial meeting of the labeling task group. John Root, the task group chairman, opened the meeting by reviewing the reasons for the formation of the group. He then stated three objectives of the group: 1) to develop a label standard to protect consumers from injury and property damage 2) to produce a label that is understandable and easy to read and 3) to have a draft of the label by January so it could be completed in time for the April 17, 1997 meeting of the ASTM F15.45 Candle Products Subcommittee. Carolyn Meiers of the Human Factors Division of Engineering Sciences stated that performance standards rather than labeling standards should address the objective of protecting consumers from injury and property damage. Mr. Root responded that the task group's mandate was limited to the labeling issue. Any performance standard would be the responsibility of the Subcommittee. Draft language, supplied by Mr. Root, for the label included the statement "Never leave a burning candle unattended." Ms. Meiers said that this statement would have little effect in changing consumer behavior. She stated that the statement has little impact on behavior because it is placed on a number of consumer products. Ms. Meiers stated that the issues that labels address should be based on hazard information. She said she would prepare a statement on candle labeling issues for the task group. The next conference call was scheduled for January 22, 1998.

