



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.79 Task Group on Beach Umbrellas

FY 26 OP PLAN ENTRY: Market Umbrellas/ Beach Umbrellas

DATE OF MEETING: January 29, 2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual/WebEx

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

FILING DATE: February 27, 2026

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC), Sharon White (ESHF), Caroleene Paul (ESMC)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

The Beach Umbrellas (BU) Task Group (TG) was formed by the ASTM F15.79 Market Umbrellas Subcommittee to develop safety standards and test methods for BUs installed in or on the sand. There are several incidents in which fly-away BUs have seriously injured beachgoers, including two deaths. The voluntary standard, ASTM F3681-25, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Beach Umbrellas and Anchor Devices*, was updated in July 2025. The specifications establish minimum requirements for safely anchoring all beach umbrellas to prevent them from detaching from the sand due to windy conditions.

The TG met to discuss stakeholder comments and proposed revisions to the warning label requirements. Producers and retailers raised concerns for the following reasons: 1) the text must be in multiple languages for the international market. Multiple-language labels will result in a lengthy warning label, taking up too much space; 2) two labels on the underside of the umbrella canopy are unnecessary; and 3) the blood on the pictogram is too graphic for family-friendly audiences. However, one major retailer noted that it is not aware that it requires multiple languages on the warning and that it is happy to comply with the current standard.

CPSC staff responded that: 1) the warning can be written in English, but that the warning can direct consumers to another location to access the warning in their own language; 2) staff is not opposed to one warning on the underside of the umbrella if the warning is visible and the current language remains the same; and 3) staff questioned if the rationale for deeming the blood on the pictogram as too graphic is due to the potential for deterring consumers from purchasing the product. Task group members discussed proposed ideas for changes to the warning label requirements, such as providing a QR code on the warning label so users could access the warning in their own language, and reducing the number of required on-product warning labels from two to one. While the TG discussed proposed revisions to the standard, the TG did not draft revisions to the standard. The TG proposed convening another meeting to discuss how to move forward on the labeling requirements.

Next Steps:

The TG agreed to end the meeting due to time constraints and tentatively agreed to meet again to continue the discussion on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026, from 12 noon – 1pm.