United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ANSI Z535 Committee on Safety Signs and Labels

FY26 OP PLAN ENTRY: Warnings and Instructions

DATE OF MEETING: 11/9/2026

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Tim Smith (ESHF)

FILING DATE: 11/10/2026

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Tim Smith (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ANSI for the full attendee list.

Summary of Meeting:

This meeting of the ANSI Z535 Committee on Safety Signs and Labels was led by the Committee chair, Steve Hall. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss ballot results for two membership applications and for the proposed ANSI Z535.4 revision, which would allow for a wordless product safety label format in certain circumstances.

The Committee discussed comments and negative votes on the ANSI Z535.4 revision. Many comments were considered editorial, including a recommendation to revise the definition of “signal word panel” so the phrase “other alert symbol” is replaced with a more accurate description of the symbol being referenced (*i.e.*, a circle surrounding an exclamation mark, as explicitly depicted and described elsewhere in the ballot). Four negative votes included comments expressing concern about allowing the signal word to be omitted and relying solely on color to communicate hazardousness, stating that there was no evidence of efficacy for formats without a signal word. After discussion, the Committee was asked if anyone wished to change their vote on the ballot. Hearing none, and given that the ballot had already received the votes needed to pass, the revision was approved. The revised standard will go to the National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA) editors to review and address all editorial issues. Publication of the new revision is expected in early 2027.

The previously reaffirmed ANSI Z535.1, Z535.2, Z535.3, Z535.5, and Z535.6 standards are also expected to be published at a similar time.

Next Steps:

The revised ANSI Z535.4 standard will go to NEMA editors to address editorial issues. That revision and the reaffirmed ANSI Z535.1, Z535.2, Z535.3, Z535.5, and Z535.6 standards are expected to be published in early 2027. A poll will be sent out to schedule the next Committee meeting.