

December 20, 2022

Ms. Katherine E. Morgan
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Dear Ms. Morgan:

Thank you for your letter of August 22, 2022, notifying the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) of publication of a revised standard, ASTM F2613-22, *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Children's Chairs and Stools*.<sup>1</sup>

On November 8, 2022, the Commission voted unanimously (4-0) to reject an update incorporating ASTM F2613-22, as recommended by staff.<sup>2,3</sup> The Commission determined that ASTM F2613-22 does not improve the safety of children's folding chairs and children's folding stools, compared to the previous standard, ASTM F2613-1.<sup>4</sup> Chairman Hoehn-Saric's statement is included in the Record of Commission Action (cited in footnote 2 below).

The Commission, accordingly, is retaining the existing standard for children's folding chairs and folding stools at 16 CFR part 1232, which incorporates by reference ASTM F2613-21, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Children's Chairs and Stools, with no modifications (86 FR 26654).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This letter was prepared by CPSC staff. It has not been reviewed or approved by, and may not necessarily reflect the views of, the Commission.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Record of Commission Action (RCA) retrieved at: https://cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/RCAASTMsNoticeofaRevisedVoluntaryStandardsforChildrensChairsandStools.pdf?VersionId=fAzCosdCx E6BdKjYyjmiG4\_XTYOys3ko.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Staff notified ASTM of the Commission decision via email dated November 9, 2022 from Jacqueline Campbell, CPSC Voluntary Standards Coordinator, to Molly Lynyak, Brian Grochal, and Jailynn McGhee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Staff Briefing Package: ASTM's Notice of a Revised Voluntary Standard for Children's Folding Chairs and Children's Folding Stools (16 CFR part 1232). Retrieved at: https://cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/ASTMsNoticeofaRevisedVoluntaryStandardforChildrensFoldingChairsandStools.pdf?VersionId=BnlN0ySCzYUgLnknczapiTOsScDYEONi.



CPSC staff will make recommendations to and work with the ASTM F15.59 Subcommittee on Children's Chairs and Stools to address the Commission's concerns.

Sincerely,

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