

# **U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission**

## **LOG OF MEETING**

**SUBJECT: Slings – Warnings task group.**

**DATE OF MEETING: 8 January 2018**

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**LOCATION: Teleconference**

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Hope Nesteruk, ESMC;**

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for attendance list.**

### **SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

This task group meeting was the result of an issue raised at the previous subcommittee meeting. The sling standard, F2907-15, contains the required statement “Never place more than one baby in the sling carrier.” Some manufacturers have developed slings intended for twins, and would like the standard to allow for their products.

The task group discussed several proposals for language, including harmonizing with the European standard and including a specific number of children. CPSC staff expressed that the current standard contains a specified number, and suggested a preference for including a specific number, rather than referring to the instructions only. After discussions, the group arrived at the statement “This product can be used for up to X child, in certain carry positions. Only use the product for the number of children for the desired carry position, per the manufacturer’s instructions.” The task group chair will work on incorporating this statement into language similar to the front/back carry language in F2236 and the group will discuss at the next meeting.

During the discussions, the issue of the test methods was also raised. The test methods currently use one test mass; however, there is some concern that a carry position that allows for two (or more) infants at a time should have all carrying locations tests. The task group will consider this issue and meet again to discuss further.

One addition issue was raised on the statement “Never use/wear more than one carrier at a time.” One task group member suggested the statement should be removed, because in some cases, it may be better to wear two carriers to carry two children, for example a mei tai for the toddler and a wrap for an infant. CPSC staff expressed that while allowing specific language for more than one child in a sling designed for more than one child would likely not affect safety, removing the statement on one carrier at a time potentially would affect safety.