

# US Consumer Product Safety Commission

## Log of Meeting

Subject: Portable Fireplaces

Date: March 20, 2018

Location: Teleconference

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CPSC Attendees: Scott Ayers, Kristen Talcott, and Jonathan Kent

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Summary of Meeting:

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- The group reviewed previous changes to the liquid accumulation and indoor combustion test
  - Health Canada wants to prepare a proposal to improve the liquid accumulation
- Hazards were created for each test
  - The group discussed that hazards might not be needed for some tests
- The group discussed the impact stability test in length
  - This test ensures that should a device get jostled, the risk of spilling fuel is minimized
  - The group debated the 5 lb weight for all devices
    - The idea of exempting smaller products was discussed
      - First exempting devices under a certain total weight
      - Then, instead exempting devices with less than a certain amount of fuel
      - The group discussed the threshold of when a device acts more like a candle than a fireplace
    - The idea of making the weight a ratio of the total maximum filled weight was discussed
      - 1/3<sup>rd</sup> the gross weight, but to 5 lb was preliminarily decided on
  - The group wanted to digress these issues and discuss them more at the next meeting
- The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday April 3, 2018 from 1pm to 3pm EDT