

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: NFPA Fire Test Technical Committee Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: March 20-22, 2018

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LOCATION: Hilton, New Orleans, 333 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andrew Lock, Ph.D., Directorate for Laboratory Sciences

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):

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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC staff attended and participated in the NFPA Fire Tests Technical Committee meeting to discuss standards relating to upholstered furniture including NFPA 260 and NFPA 277.

On NFPA 260, the committee discussed a Tentative Interim Amendment (TIA) submitted by the Upholstered Furniture Action Council (UFAC) to revise the foam thickness in the standard from 3 inches to 2 inches. CPSC staff had successfully changed the foam thickness from 2 inches to 3 inches in the first draft phase of the standard based on staff research in developing the 2008 NPR. Because no second draft comments were received the TIA is the only mechanism to change the standard until it comes back in cycle. The Polyurethane Foam Association (PFA) had also submitted a Notice of Intent to Make a Motion (NITMAM) to revise the foam specifications in NFPA260. The foam specifications are another change proposed by CPSC staff. Because the foam specifications received comment in the second draft phase, a NITMAM can be filed and will be presented to the NFPA membership at the June 2018 meeting.

NFPA 277 was discussed for an entire day, Wednesday, March 21st. The morning consisted of a lengthy review of the history and status of NFPA 277, including reports from both the primary and secondary task groups. The committee spent an hour discussing how to proceed with NFPA 277. Several motions and amendments to motions were proposed. In the afternoon, the committee decided to entertain amendments to the document. A number of amendments were proposed, the most significant was the addition of pass/fail criteria to the test method that are similar to those in 16 CFR 1633. Following the amendments, the committee voted to

move NFPA 277 up to the Standards Council for consideration with a request to enter the draft standard into its first revision cycle. CPSC staff voiced opposition to moving NFPA 277 forward.