

**LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM Ad Hoc Language Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: June 19, 2018

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Hope Nesteruk (ESMC), and Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Kitty Pilarz (Fisher-Price) and other task group members. Contact ASTM for complete attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting of the ASTM Ad Hoc Language Task Group ("Ad Hoc TG") was led by the chairperson, Kitty Pilarz. The meeting focused on four topics:

- 1) *Reference Documents.* The task group discussed proposed language to be added to the recommendations document to address how references to other standards are identified in Referenced Documents (section 2) and elsewhere within a given standard. Task group members have received inconsistent guidance from ASTM on this issue, so Ms. Pilarz intends to follow up with ASTM again to get clarification on their general policy or practice.
- 2) *Latching and Locking Mechanisms.* The task group is reconsidering the recommended language for latching and locking mechanisms that was recently balloted and received negatives. The group reviewed the requirements and test methods for these mechanisms in multiple standards, and concluded that the requirements differed substantially, in part because the products themselves differed and because the requirements were intended to address differing levels (severity) of hazards. For these reasons, the task group concluded that these requirements might not be good candidates for standardized Ad Hoc language. Ms. Pilarz intends to add some language to this effect to the recommendations document so future users will know that the issue was considered and why the addition of recommended language was rejected.
- 3) *Battery Labeling Requirements.* The task group reviewed language that is commonly used for markings and warnings related to batteries to consider possible recommendations for standardized language to appear in the Ad Hoc recommendations document. After some discussion about the appropriate section in which the requirements should appear

(e.g., within the Marking and Labeling section, within the Performance Requirements section), Ms. Pilarz agreed to look into current ANSI standard requirements related to batteries and to work with a small group of Ad Hoc task group members to draft recommendations for consideration by the task group. CPSC staff noted that there might have been a recent ballot related to Baby Monitors that includes battery-related language, and staff stated that it would forward this information to Ms. Pilarz.

- 4) *Back to Sleep Warning.* CPSC staff proposed a revision to the current Ad Hoc-recommended warning about placing babies on their back to sleep to reduce the risk of SIDS. Specifically, staff recommended that the language be changed from: "To reduce the risk of SIDS, pediatricians recommend babies be placed on their backs to sleep" to "Place baby on their back to sleep to reduce the risk of suffocation and SIDS." The discussion concluded with general agreement on the proposed revision, but with the singular "baby" changed to "babies."

Ms. Pilarz concluded the meeting by stating that she would prepare a new draft recommendations document and distribute it to the task group for review.