

MEETING LOG

PRODUCT: Flooring

SUBJECT: CPSC Staff Meeting with National Floor Safety Institute (NFSI)

LOCATION: CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda Tower

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Mary House, Steve Harsanyi, Mark Kumagai, Lawrence Mella, Charles Smith, Julio Alvarado, Wioletta Szeszel-Fedorowicz, Vince Amodeo, Jacqueline Campbell

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Russell Kendzior, NFSI; John Mavretich, Venable; Rob Ganim, Barnes and Thornburg; Sean Oberle, Product Safety Letter.

MEETING SUMMARY:

CPSC staff met with Russell Kendzior from the National Floor Safety Institute (NFSI) to discuss Petition CP 18-2: Resubmission of Petition to Mandate a Uniform Labeling Method for Traction of Floor Coverings, Floor Coverings with Coatings, and Treated Floor Coverings. The meeting was requested by Mr. Kendzior.

Mr. Kendzior discussed how the resubmitted petition addressed staff concerns raised in the first petition, the current usage of the ANSI B101.3 test method in the flooring market, the relationship between coefficient of friction (COF) and slip and fall injuries, and the progression of test instruments, how they are approved, and what instruments are approved currently by NFSI for testing to the standard.

CPSC staff inquired about the current flooring industry acceptance of the ANSI B101.5 standard and what current consensus standard efforts were being pursued to create a unified labeling scheme accepted by the flooring industry. Staff requested references mentioned in the petition as well as the underlying interlaboratory study (ILS) data used to certify and approve the proposed instruments and methodology. Mr. Kendzior stated that he was unable to provide copies of the references due to copyright issues and that staff could contact manufacturers of the instruments to obtain the ILS data. Staff asked questions about standard test materials, limitations or problems with the test method for some flooring, the ability to discern the relationship between COF and slip and fall injuries, and potential risks associated with high traction flooring.

Staff asked about possible CPSC staff participation in NFSI voluntary standards meetings. Mr. Kendzior invited staff to participate in the NFSI January 25, 2018 meeting.