

**LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM Infant Bedding Standard Update Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: March 22, 2019

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Mark Eilbert (LSM), & Sandra Inkster (HSPP)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting of the ASTM Infant Bedding Standard Update task group was intended to prepare a ballot to address general changes to the F1917 standard, including revisions to address Ad Hoc language recommendations. The meeting was led by Meredith Birkhead, who was standing in for the chair of the task group, Lisa Trofe.

The meeting began with a discussion of the results of the recent “crib bumper/liner” definition ballot item, which closed on March 11 and received a single negative. The negative expressed concern that the definition, as balloted, could be interpreted as including rail covers intended to reduce access to the top of the rail by teething infants (*e.g.*, teething rails). The consensus of the task group was that if these products have portions that come inside the crib, they should be subject to the same requirements as bumpers and liners. In addition, the task group agreed that products that fall under the “crib bumper/liner” definition also would fall under the definition of “infant bedding and related accessories,” and therefore, would only address soft bedding-like products, not hard goods like plastic teething guards. One attendee asked whether soft rail covers would be too wide to allow it to be tested for thickness using the test fixture currently in the standard. The ASTM member who had voted negative was not present, so the definition issue will be revisited at the next Definitions task group meeting.

The discussion then turned to new attachment requirements. The task group concluded that the requirements and test methods had not yet been finalized, and recommended that they be removed from the draft ballot, so the Attachment task group can continue working on it.

The task group briefly discussed the other additions and revisions in the draft ballot, based largely on the Ad Hoc Language recommendations. The task group lead agreed to update the draft ballot to:

- add missing elements of the Ad Hoc Language warning and instructional literature recommendations;
- remove some revisions shown in the warning section of the ballot that are not related to the Ad Hoc Language recommendations;
- change all references to bumper “ties,” in the requirements and test methods, to “attachment means”; and
- add a “conspicuous” definition, which CPSC staff had already drafted and offered to share with the task group lead.

The task group lead concluded the meeting by saying that she would update the draft ballot to reflect the results of the meeting, and would recirculate the draft to the task group by Monday. Then, if there are no objections, she will include it in the next ballot.