

US Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

Subject: CANENA (UL) 60335-2-24 Working Group on Flammable Refrigerants in Refrigerators

Date: June 19, 2019

Location: Teleconference

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CPSC Attendees: Scott Ayers

Non-CPSC Attendees: Contact Masud Chowdhury of Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (AHAM) ([REDACTED]) for a list of attendees

Summary of Meeting:

Contact Masud Chowdhury of AHAM ([REDACTED]) for more details of this meeting.

This meeting continued from where the kick-off meeting to revise UL 60335-2-24, the standard for household refrigerators and freezers left off. UL received a total of 28 proposals for revisions. Several of the proposals relate to flammable refrigerants.

An update was provided on the IEC SC61C meeting in May regarding the timing of publishing the next edition of IEC 60335-2-24. The next IEC edition will be delayed a year. The group decided to continue on a fast-track path for the items needed in a revision to the UL version by the end of this calendar year. The other proposed items will be discussed as part of the next UL edition.

The group reviewed the proposals to ensure that those needed for the revision were identified and separated from the proposals that can wait to the next edition. Several proposals require EPA agreement, the group hopes that the EPA will attend the face-to-face meeting on July 17 and 18, 2019.

The group discussed whether the evaporative cooling tubing needs to be protected. The group will discuss this in further detail at the face-to-face meeting.

The group discussed the signal word on the label for child entrapment, currently, “danger”, the group believes that it could be “warning” instead. Scott will check with Human Factors Staff at CPSC.

The next meeting will be a face-to-face meeting starting at 12pm on 7/17 and continuing to the end of the day on 7/18.