

**LOG OF MEETING  
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting of the ASTM Babywearing Apparel task group

**DATE OF MEETING:** 6 August 2019

**PLACE OF MEETING:** Virtual (teleconference)

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Hope Nesteruk (ESMC)

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Hope Nesteruk (ESMC) & Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:** Contact ASTM for attendee list.

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

The goal of the task group is to discuss whether babywearing apparel (*e.g.*, shirts that contain a carrying pocket) fits into the sling standard (or soft infant carrier standard) and whether additional considerations need to be made for these products. Issues raised and discussed include:

- Designed for hospital use and/or preterm babies, and should those along take it out of the scope?
- Test labs are informing some manufacturers that slings cannot be tested if they product stretches below the bottom of the test torso (which is specified as a test failure per 6.3.1 and 6.3.2)
- Comparison of the test torso height/waist length to human, and it was roughly as “tall” as a 6’ 3” member for the task group.
- Is skin-to-skin a type of carry or a description of how the child is in the carrier?
- The sling carrier standard is intended for carriers that are able to be used hands-free.
- Photos were shared of a product holding a 40 pound bag of rocks.