

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee Meeting – Gates and Enclosures F15.16

DATE OF MEETING: January 21, 2020

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hope Nesteruk

LOCATION: Teleconference

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Hope Nesteruk, Carlos Torres, Jill Hurley, Lawrence Mella, Hyun Kim, Susan Proper

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting centered on new business, which was a letter from CPSC staff reiterating positions stated in the notice of proposed rulemaking and providing draft proposal for warning label location and visual side-pressure indicators. In addition, staff raised a new issue related to incidents involving retractable gates. Issues discussed include;

- Warning label location. The subcommittee reviewed the proposal provided by CPSC staff in their letter. During discussions, task group members noted that the proposal implied, but did not specify that the push-out warning was to be a separate label. Although a motion was made by a subcommittee member to put the item to ballot, the second was withdrawn so that a small task group can revise the language in the proposal to address this. The task group will work on the proposal over the next few weeks with a goal of having something ready for the next ballot, which would need to be submitted by February 21, 2020.
- Visual side-pressure indicators. The subcommittee reviewed the proposal provided by CPSC staff in their letter. Significant discussion ensued, with a number of potential issues raised, such as the statement about “minimum pressure” implying that a test lab would need to be measuring the pressure at each corner. CPSC staff clarified that the intention was that the current performance test would identify gates that are incorrectly indicating the required side pressure. However, after discussions, the subcommittee reactivated the visual indicators task group to revise the proposal to address the concerns.
- Retractable gate incidents. Due to time limitations, this topic was only briefly covered, with the subcommittee chair asking for more information on the incidents and forming a new task group to look into the issue further.

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Next steps: The task groups will be meet and develop proposals and the issues will be discussed at the subcommittee meeting in April or a potential interim meeting, if needed.