

**LOG OF MEETING
OFFICE OF HAZARD ANALYSIS AND REDUCTION**

SUBJECT: F15.21 Sling Carriers

DATE OF MEETING: 9 November 2020

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Hope Nesteruk (ESMC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), Keysha Walker (CRE), Maureen Danskin (CRE) and Michelle Guice (CRE)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

This was a semi-annual meeting pertaining to the standard for sling carriers, ASTM F2907.

Old Business: ASTM F2907 – 19 is now the new cited standard in the CPSC regulation for sling carriers, 16 CFR part 1228.

Task groups reports:

Babywearing Apparel: One member has done testing at a manufacturer lab, looking into evaluating different test masses. Specifically, he evaluated different diameter test masses (8.3 inches (EN) and 11 inches) and different weights for the load, *e.g.* max recommended weight rather than 35 pounds. He also tried reducing the oscillation rate, which saw “some success.” The subcommittee discussed if there were options to change the shape of the test mass to make it more baby-shaped. During the discussions, the scope of the standard came up, and a new task group was formed to assess the scope based on the learnings of the apparel testing. CPSC staff will be on task group.

Ad hoc: The group has not met as they were waiting on other updates in the standard, but will restart the task group now that some major changes were made to the standard.

New Business:

A test lab reported seeing lots of slippage in ring slings. The lab recommended manufacturers instruct consumers to tie a knot at the base of the ring. Manufacturers did not like this solution as it was not typical use. There was a discussion of the variation in results between testing with the sling fabric bunched up at the test torso’s shoulder verses having the sling fabric spread out and draped over the sharp edge of the test torso. A task group was formed to look into the ring slippage issue and work on clarifying the test method. CPSC staff is on the task group.

The subcommittee reviewed the last incident data spreadsheet provided by CPSC staff, plus CPSC staff's annual incident review. Staff confirmed that the annual review was only performed on new reports and did not overlap with the previous data pull seen in the spreadsheet.

The subcommittee chair suggested that the product instructions include baby removal instructions, as that is an issue that has come up with manufacturers.