

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

SUBJECT: F15.21 Soft Infant Carriers

DATE OF MEETING: 9 November 2020

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hope Nesteruk (ESMC)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Hope Nesteruk (ESMC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), Patty Edwards (EXHR), Sharon White (ESHF), Maureen Danskin (CRE), Keysha Walker (CRE) and Michelle Guice (CRE)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

This was a semi-annual meeting of the subcommittee for the standard on soft infant and toddler carriers, ASTM F2236.

Ballot review: There are a number of ballots that has passed and are being held administratively. The chair is planning on publishing a revised standard by mid-2021 and will notify CPSC afterward.

Task group reports:

Leg openings: The task group has been discussing the use of a truncated cone versus the sphere test equipment. There was much discussion around why there are two types of tests (depending on unbounded or bounded openings). A member noted that, as written, the requirement in 6.1 does **not** specify it is for bounded leg openings only, but the subcommittee agreed that was intended to be for bounded openings only. The task group will work to clarify that.

Warnings: There was significant discussion of having second label with informational statements. An informational statement currently must be outside the warning rectangle, so some feel it has to be two separate labels. The statement in question is “baby should face toward you until they can hold their head up.” One member brought up that this message sounds like it should be a warning, not an informational statement. A labeling task group was formed to discuss the issue and CPSC staff is on the task group.

Dynamic testing: The task group chair briefly summarized how task group is working to harmonize with the EN standard. The task group will also look at a proposal to change the wording to ‘fastener system’ to encompass the fasteners themselves as well as their integral means of attachment. This issue was raised due to a failure a subcommittee member had seen at the location where a fastener attached which they thought fell into a

grey area in the standard, as currently written. The task group will continue working. The task group chair asked for other members to join, but none were added.

New business: A comment raised by a member on the warning label will be handled by the labeling task group. Further details will be known when the task group meets.