

CPSC STAFF MEETING LOG

Meeting Date: 06/11/2020

Location: Teleconference

Subject: ASTM F15.70 Adult Safety Products Subcommittee Meeting

Product: Adult Portable Bed Rails

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Attendees: Contact ASTM for a complete list of attendees.

CPSC Attendees: Vineed Dayal & Tim Smith

Meeting Summary:

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This meeting was called to:

- (1) introduce the new ASTM subcommittee chair (Don Huber) to the subcommittee members.
- (2) review information submitted by CPSC to the subcommittee.

The subcommittee reviewed a CPSC staff letter sent to the previous subcommittee chair on September 5, 2019. The letter detailed several issues staff found with the voluntary standard for adult portable bed rails (APBRs), ASTM F3186 – 17, along with staff proposed solutions. The subcommittee agreed that changes to the standard are needed. The subcommittee chair requested that CPSC staff verify whether the proposed revisions to “the finger openings performance requirement” (section 6.4) considers the anthropometrics of people expected to be near and around the product.

CPSC staff also presented a summary of the results of staff’s compliance testing of market-representative APBRs to ASTM F3186 – 17. The subcommittee was reminded of CPSC’s currently docketed petition on APBRs, informed that none of the sample products that were tested fully conformed to the voluntary standard’s requirements, and provided general descriptions of the failure types found during testing. The subcommittee expressed concern about the low level of compliance, and concluded that this level might be due to low participation with the subcommittee and low awareness of the standard within the market.

The subcommittee chair indicated that he would like to start a task group to analyze the most recent incident data related to APBRs. In order to do this he requested CPSC staff to provide the subcommittee with the most recent incident data.

The subcommittee concluded by reiterating that a major obstacle for the voluntary standard is market awareness and participation, and requested that CPSC staff provide any information it could to assist with market outreach.

The next subcommittee meeting will take place:

- (1) After CPSC staff provides the requested incident data
- (2) After the subcommittee chair assigns a task group to analyze the incident data, via email.