U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee F08.22-Camping Softgoods (Tents)

DATE OF MEETING: August 19, 2020

LOCATION: Online Meeting

SOURCE OF LOG: Allyson Tenney, Division Director (LSE)
                                Directorate for Laboratory Sciences

CPSC ATTENDEE(S):   Allyson Tenney

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):   Contact ASTM for listing of Subcommittee members and
                                nonmembers who attended

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Members of the ASTM International Subcommittee (SC) F08.22 on Camping Softgoods convened for an Online meeting August 19, 2020.

Reese White, the SC Chairman, lead the meeting. The first item discussed was the ballot for the Labeling of Backpacking and Mountaineering Tents and Bivouac Sacks, closing on August 24. The Test Method for Flammability of Sleeping Bags was the next agenda item.

A majority of the meeting focused on the Standard Specification for Determining Flammability of Materials for Recreational Camping Tents and Warning Labels for Associated Hazards. The negative votes that were received in response to the January 2020 ballot were found non-persuasive. The April 2020 ballot to the main committee declared the votes non-persuasive. The negative votes and possible revisions to the F3431-Tent Flammability standard were discussed under Old Business.

The discussion focused on possible revisions to Section 5.1 and the option of eliminating the requirement that the standard apply only to tents acceptable for use with camping appliances, the updated Health Canada provisions and options to harmonize, and considerations for appropriate test methods for certain tent products. The group agreed to discuss the possible revisions within a small task group and present options to the group at the next meeting.

A status on the proposed revisions to F3340, Camping Mattresses Using Hot Plates, was also provided under Old Business.

The date for the next meeting will be determined. If possible, the group will meet in January 2021 during the Outdoor Retailer/Snow.