

US Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

Subject: ASTM F15.45 Candle Labeling Task Group

Date: September 2, 2020

Location: Teleconference

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CPSC Attendees: Scott Ayers, Yeon Kim, Tim Smith, and Chen Su

Non-CPSC Attendees:

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Summary of Meeting:

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This was a meeting of the ASTM Candle Labeling Task Group. The task group first discussed the current state of the standard. No participants were aware of any current issues with the existing standard. The task group next discussed the possibility of allowing pictograms in place of text in the future. Tim Smith of CPSC provided context on what would be needed for CPSC staff to consider allowing pictograms without supporting warning text. The participants were not inclined to propose a change; however, if manufacturers were to do the necessary work, the task group would be willing to consider a proposal to allow pictograms. Without any other known items, the participants generally felt that the current standard should be re-approved.

The participants next discussed the optional warning labels and pictograms. Suggestions were offered to: improve optional warning labels; establish criteria to either add or remove required label text; create an appendix with non-mandatory information; allow European pictograms as an optional addition; and possibly allow square versus round surround shapes for pictograms. Some participants were concerned that manufacturers would treat all optional labeling statements as requirements and thereby create very long labels. During the next meeting, the participants will ask if the task group should continue, and if so, what the scope of the task group should be if the labeling standard is reapproved.

The next meeting will be Wednesday September 16, 2020 from 2pm to 4pm during the ASTM Candle Subcommittee and Task Groups zoom call.