

LOG OF MEETING OFFICE OF HAZARD ANALYSIS AND REDUCTION

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.18 Infant Inclined Sleep

DATE OF MEETING: 3 May 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Hope Nesteruk (ESMC), Celestine Kish (ESHF), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), Patty Edwards (EXHR), Michelle Guice (CRE), Keysha Walker (CRE), Maureen Danskin (CRE), Zachary Foster (ESHF), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Kevin Lee (ESMC), Susan Proper (EC), Carlos Torres, (ESMC)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

Meeting Summary:

Ballot results: Ballot item 001, from F15.18 (20-01) ballot, is the proposal to remove the word “inclined” from the title, introduction, and scope and it received multiple negative votes. At least one negative was found persuasive and the ballot item was sent back to the task group.

Task group (TG) reports:

Standards Performance Comparison TG: The TG chair was not available due to early delivery of her baby. A TG member, provided a brief overview of the TG’s work. The TG has held multiple meetings to narrow down the performance requirements that are appropriate to be in the standard. Some of the basic requirements that are generic for all sleep standards were quickly agreed upon, however, other requirements such as side height, stability, restraints, are still being considered. There was a lengthy discussion about starting the standard from scratch and why not just use what is already in the standard but reduce the angle requirement to 10 degrees or less.

Title, introduction, and scope TG: The TG chair reported that during the last TG meeting the TG members decided to ballot the same wording as the CPSC’s SNPR, thus remove the word “inclined,” measure for seatback angle for 10 degrees or less, and refer to bassinet standard for all other performance requirements. Another lengthy discussion resulted because some members did not want to include the requirement to meet the bassinet standard. Others indicated that if approved with only the angle performance requirement, infant sleep products could be designed with known safety hazards. Other members repeated their concern of limiting innovation for new designs. In addition, they indicated that CPSC’s SNPR language will ban certain products that are currently being incorporated into other standards, such as compact bassinets and in-bed sleepers. There was discussion about referring to the other 4 infant sleep standards that align with the safe sleep recommendations of health experts such as American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). A member explained that ASTM is an independent, consensus organization and while they work closely with CPSC, both organizations have their own mission and are not dependent on the other. Another member indicated that in the past CPSC has been willing to delay a package, when it was clear that ASTM was working to update the potentially referenced standard. CPSC staff indicated that we will present to management, the suggestion that CPSC delay the package while ASTM continues to update the standard to management.

Next steps: The subcommittee will conduct a poll as soon as possible regarding direction of next steps. The poll will ask at least two questions: (1) Ballot SNPR language or (2) Ballot SNPR language without reference to bassinet requirements. There may be a third question suggesting to wait for the *standards performance* TG requirements.