

MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM Subcommittee on Infant Batthers

LOCATION: Teleconference

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MEETING SUMMARY:

This meeting of the ASTM Subcommittee on infant bathers was led by the Subcommittee Chair, Julia Costella. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss whether inflatable infant bathers are, or should be, included in the scope of the standard, and in addition, determine the feasibility of developing adequate performance requirements to address incidents associated with these products. The meeting proceeded as follows:

- CPSC staff gave an overview of the March 18, 2021 letter sent to the Chair, Julia Costella. The overview centered around incidents associated with infant neck floatation devices and floatation rings.
- Discussed whether or not we can learn from the toy standard regarding inflatable infant bathers.
 - A participant stated that this product is not a toy.
- Considered the definition of the product
 - The product does not currently fit under the scope of the standard based on the definition.
 - One participant stated the standard can be revised to include these products.
 - Another participant indicated, however, that infant bathers are intended to be used in an empty tub with running water. Infant inflatables are more a floatation device that require more water.
- Question raised as to what are we trying to accomplish
 - Comments from participants
 - There is too much that relies on how much the product is inflated.

- These products look unsafe.
- Member relayed experience that his son had this product and member expressed his displeasure to his son for owning it.
- CPSC should ban these products.
- A participant suggested adding pictures of these products and indicate that they are not in scope for infant bathers.
 - Chair's request for final thoughts from CPSC staff
 - CPSC staff stated that the subcommittee responded to staff's request to consider whether the products are in scope and a standard is feasible to address the incidents. Staff concluded by expressing that the products are not in the scope of the current standard and that it does not appear that a standard is feasible.
 - Another CPSC staff expressed the need to discuss what to do with these products based on all the comments.