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SUBJECT: ASTM Exploratory Call on Infant Wearable Blankets and Related Products

DATE OF MEETING: July 7, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: (*participated virtually*) Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR),
Khalisa Phillips (ESHF)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The purpose of this teleconference was for ASTM members to explore the need for a standard to cover infant wearable blankets and related products. Dr. Carol Pollack-Nelson chaired the discussion. The meeting began with a show and tell of relevant products including infant sleep sacks, weighted sleep sacks, fleece sleepers with swaddle arms, and swaddle blankets. Members then presented a summary of NEISS incidents by hazard pattern which includes suffocation, overheating, dislocation or limb fracture, tooth entrapment, and liberation of small parts. A recent recall (21-123) also prompted several members to express concerns about neck and arm openings being too large and potentially contributing to infants submarining into sleep sacks. Overall, group consensus supports developing a standard for infant wearable blankets to identify performance requirements (types of fabric, breathability, etc.), as well as address user sizing, and recommendations for age labels, and developmental milestones. The group discussed whether the standard should be housed under F15 consumer products or D13 textiles, and if it should be part of ASTM F1519 infant bedding standard or a stand-alone standard. Several members offered to co-chair the subcommittee. Members were in favor of bringing these above recommendations back to the F15 Executive Committee to determine next steps. CPSC staff contributed to the discussion and agreed with the above recommendations.