

LOG OF MEETING DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.21 Subcommittee on Infant Loungers

DATE OF MEETING: January 11, 2022

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual/Teleconference

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Rana Balci-Sinha (ESHF), Zachary Foster (ESHF), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), Celestine Kish (ESHF), Stef Marques (HSPP), Hope Nesteruk (EXHR), Susan Proper (EC), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting of the ASTM Subcommittee on Infant Loungers was led by the Chair of the subcommittee, Rachael Shagott. This was the initial meeting of the subcommittee, with an ultimate goal of developing a new ASTM voluntary standard for infant loungers.

The meeting began with a discussion of the scope of products to be covered by the proposed standard. The subcommittee agreed that the scope identified in CPSC staff's letter to ASTM, and the incident data supplied with the letter, would be a good starting point, but that a task group on scope and definition would work to answer this question. CPSC staff explained that the data included infant support pillows, or pillow-like loungers, that are not intended for feeding or nursing, and that adult pillows were excluded. The types of products included generally could be thought of as products that serve as a brief resting place for an infant, and the subcommittee agreed that the products in question were not sleep products or intended for sleep. The subcommittee discussed other products or product characteristics they believed needed to be considered when defining the scope, such as

- whether the products are primarily flat, rather than inclined;
- whether the products are limited to soft goods, or might include hard elements or rigid frames;
- whether the products include items formerly intended for sleep, such as in-bed sleepers, and whether play gyms should be included;
- whether the products include side containment features; and
- whether the products include molded closures, such as buckles, or other restraint systems.

The subcommittee also discussed reaching out to the subcommittees on infant bouncers, infant floor seats, and infant rockers to look at their data sets for comparison.

The subcommittee then discussed the incident data, and whether they needed to submit a formal request for all data potentially related to infant loungers. CPSC staff explained that requesting additional data beyond that supplied with staff's letter would not be helpful until the subcommittee settled on the scope of the standard to be developed. The subcommittee agreed and concluded that it will move forward with the current data set.

The subcommittee then formed two task groups: (1) Scope and Definition, and (2) Data Analysis. Bettina Strauss volunteered to lead the Scope and Definition task group, and Trip Coyne volunteered to lead the Data Analysis task group. Multiple CPSC staff volunteered for both task groups. Task groups related to performance requirements and warnings will be formed later.

The Chair concluded the meeting by stating that the subcommittee is unlikely to meet before the May ASTM juvenile products meetings, so the task groups will have time to meet and then can report at the May meeting.