

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: F15.18 Bassinet Scope & Definition Task Group of Bassinet Subcommittee

DATE OF MEETING: 16 March 2022

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Celestine Kish, ESHF

LOCATION: Teleconference

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Celestine Kish, ESHF; Carlos Torres, ESMC; Jacqueline Campbell, EXHR; Suad Wanna-Nakamura, HSPP; Susan Proper, EC; Maureen Danskin, CRE; Mark Kumagai, ES

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Scott Lewis, Subcommittee/Task Group (TG) Lead; please contact ASTM for the full list of participants.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Lewis presented a new definition of bassinet with the following statement removed: “supported by free standing legs, a stationary base/stand, a wheeled base, a rocking base, or a base which can swing relative to a stationary base.”

The TG engaged in a lengthy discussion about whether in-bed sleepers would be covered by the new definition. ASTM is developing a separate standard for in-bed sleepers and some members indicated they should not be included in bassinets. A member noted that in-bed sleepers have already been called out as excluded from the bassinet standard. The TG leader asked how the TG wants to proceed in terms of the proposed definition. A member indicated that removing a performance requirement out of the definition is an important first step and should be balloted quickly. The member pointed out that right now testing laboratories have a difficult time assessing products because “legs/stand” are not defined. The new Infant Sleep Products regulation is effective June 2022 and by changing the definition now, this may help the laboratories and manufacturers deal with the new rule. CPSC staff questioned how the task group will address the staff’s concern that bassinets without a “leg-based frame” can be used on soft elevated surfaces and create new hazards. One member suggested that maybe using the slip-resistance test for hand-held carriers might be a good place to start and maybe adding warnings. CPSC staff indicated that warnings are not the solution and performance requirements are needed.

One member asked about the current requirement in the bassinet standard that addresses removable bassinets from stands. CPSC staff explained the requirement was added because there were bassinets designed to fit on a stand, but while the bassinet appeared to be attached to the stand, in fact, it was not securely attached, and the bassinet was able to tilt and fall off the stand. This requirement did not address whether the bassinet could be used off the stand or not.

The TG decided to ballot the new definition with reference to “legs/stand” removed and then work on a performance requirement to prevent bassinets low to the ground or sold without a stand from being used on elevated, soft, unstable surfaces.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.