

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: Teleconference/Web meeting with the ASTM F15.42 Furniture Subcommittee Storage Ottoman Task group

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CPSC ATTENDEES: Priscilla Verdino (LSC), Khalisa Phillips (ESHF), Adam Howie (LSM), Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for the full list of attendees

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The meeting was an introductory meeting of Work Group WK80158 which is developing a new standard that addresses the safety requirements for residential furnishings and furniture used for storage such as “storage ottomans”.

The task group reviewed the incident data provided by the CPSC. It was explained that the products that may be addressed in this standard have incidents that could overlap with other categories (toy chests, cedar chests, ottomans) and all incident data should be considered. CPSC recalls were also discussed, and it was suggested that the standard also address the hazards addressed in the recalls. It was a general agreement that the injuries point to a need for the standard to address “hinged lid” safety as well as sharp edges.

After some discussion, it was the general position that the issue of required ventilation should be addressed in the standard as well.

The task group discussed what types of items should be covered by the standard. Members of the task group seemed to agree that plastic storage containers would not be addressed in the standard. The task group also seemed in agreement that the standard should be focused on “indoor furnishings and furniture” and that outdoor products may not necessarily be included in this standard.

The draft standard is based on a previous version of the toy chest standard (F-834: 2008 version) that is being used as an editorial template. The task group began to review the draft. The title of the draft contained the phrase “horizontally hinged lid”, and it was mentioned that not all products that may be covered in the standard would have a hinged lid.

Next steps: Task group members will meet again to continue revising the draft. A question of how ventilation should be addressed remained. The date for the next task group meeting was not set at this meeting.