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SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.16 Infant Feeding and Support Products Warnings Task Group

OP PLAN PRODUCT: Infant Support Pillows and Nursing Support Products

DATE OF MEETING: June 30, 2022

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual/Teleconference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), and Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting of the ASTM Infant Feeding and Support Products Warnings task group (“Warnings TG”) was led by the Chair of the task group, Rachael Shagott. The Chair shared an initial draft of the Marking and Labeling (Section 8) and Instructional Literature (Section 9) sections, largely based on the Ad Hoc Language task group (“Ad Hoc TG”) recommendations. The Chair noted that the draft was not reviewed against the latest revision of the Ad Hoc TG recommendations document, and sought volunteers to perform this review. CPSC staff and another member of the Warnings TG volunteered.

There was a brief discussion about how the Scope task group might rewrite the scope to maintain its focus on feeding and nursing as the primary or sole functions of the product, but to not explicitly include lounging as a function. Products that include lounging as a function would not be excluded from the scope, but would be subject to the requirements of the proposed Infant Loungers standard as well. The intent would be to make sure the scope for the Infant Loungers subcommittee is broad enough to include Infant Feeding Support products that offer lounging as a function.

The initial draft included placeholder language for warning statements, focused on suffocation and fall hazards, and there was some discussion about possible revisions and additions to the warnings, such as warning upfront about using the products for sleep, adding language about the product’s intended use, and calling out positional asphyxia as a hazard. The Chair pointed out that the language would be refined once they received the summary incident data from the Data Analysis task group. CPSC staff is filling in some of the “unknown” information in the incident data spreadsheet, based on available in-depth investigations, and staff stated that the goal is to deliver this spreadsheet to the task group by mid-July. CPSC staff suggested that once the task group has the summary incident data, it might be worthwhile to step back and focus on the top
hazard patterns and messages we want to communicate, rather than simply pointing out broad hazard types (e.g., “suffocation hazard”) and having the key messages get lost among the bullet points that follow.

The task group discussed the possibility of including pictograms in the warnings, and there was general support for this within the group. The Chair asked that members share examples of pictograms that might be relevant to infant feeding support products. The Chair also asked that members share examples of potentially relevant product warnings on existing products on the market or in other voluntary standards (e.g., the warnings related to infant positioning in the Sling Carriers voluntary standard).

The Chair then ended the meeting and stated that the next task group meeting would be sometime after she receives the summary incident data, perhaps as early as late July or early August.