



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.79 Task Group on Beach Umbrellas

FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY: Market Umbrellas/ Beach Umbrellas

DATE OF MEETING: September 15, 2023

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual/WebEx

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Fred DeGrano (ESMC)

FILING DATE: September 27, 2023

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Fred DeGrano (ESMC), Caroleene Paul (ESMC), Sharon White (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

The Beach Umbrellas (BU) Task Group (TG) was formed by the ASTM F15.79 Market Umbrellas Subcommittee for the purpose of developing new BU safety standards and test methods. There currently are no established safety standards for sand-mounted BUs. The primary hazard is fly-away BUs after the wind pulls the umbrellas out of the sand and sends them airborne. There are several incidents in which BUs have seriously injured beachgoers, including two deaths.

The F15.79 Market Umbrella Subcommittee ballot on the draft Beach Umbrella Safety Standard was opened from August 1st to September 1st. During the BU TG meeting, the group continued addressing the remaining negative comments (there were 15 affirmatives, 3 negatives with comments, and 2 abstentions with comments) that were not resolved in the previous TG meeting on September 6th. CPSC staff provided responses to comments about clarifying the scope, definitions, terminology, labeling, and the warning graphics. CPSC staff volunteered to revise the performance requirements to address comments from a negative vote.

Next Steps:

The TG's goal is to re-ballot the draft standard prior to the next TG meeting scheduled for October 4, 2023. CPSC staff will revise the performance requirements to address a negative vote and distribute to the TG for further discussion through email correspondence.