



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.24 Subcommittee on Jewelry

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** [Not on the FY24 Op Plan]

**DATE OF MEETING:** 1/22/2024

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Jason Howe

**FILING DATE:** 1/22/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Dr. Kristina Hatlelid (HSTR), Jason Howe (EXHR)

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Contact Molly Lynyak (mlynjak@astm.org) for attendee list.

### Summary of Meeting:

ASTM International received a proposal to develop a Consumer Safety Specification for Body Piercing Jewelry. ASTM F15.24 Subcommittee on Jewelry, under new Subcommittee Chair Andy Church, met to discuss. Mr. Church also indicated that two F15.24 standards already exist; F2999-2019 Consumer Safety Specification for Adult Jewelry, and F2923-2020 Specification for Consumer Product Safety for Children's Jewelry, and that both standards must be reviewed, revised if necessary, and reballoted according to ASTM's review requirements. Discussion of these two standards will be scheduled for future subcommittee meetings. One task for the subcommittee is to decide if a new standard should be developed or whether the existing standards should be revised. Regarding body piercing jewelry, Pablo Perelmuter (the proposal's author) provided an overview of the topic and highlighted issues that a new or revised specification should address, such as acceptable material compositions, labeling requirements, and jewelry securing fixtures, among others. Participants discussed that new or revised standards would create consistency in the body piercing industry, which could result in improved training for professional piercing practitioners and improved consumer experience. Participants mentioned several areas for continued discussion, including specially addressing nickel sensitivity, and other metals, and whether a specification should be based on a measure of total content or on extractable amounts, which can be more technically difficult to measure.

### Next Steps:

A task group was tentatively identified to begin work on the proposed specification, including developing an outline for the specification or revision of the existing jewelry standards. The full subcommittee will reconvene in approximately three months (TBD) to consider the outline.