



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: APA Standards Committee 2/20/24

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Fireworks

DATE OF MEETING: 2/20/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Priscilla Verdino

FILING DATE: 3/18/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Priscilla Verdino, Matthew Roemer, Rodney Valliere, Richard Brown

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact APA for list of attendees

Summary of Meeting:

APA (American Pyrotechnics Association) Standards Committee met to discuss the proposed revisions to the 2023 APA Standard 87-1A: Standard for the Construction, Classification, Approval and Transportation of Consumer Fireworks and Novelties and the 2023 APA Standard 87-1A (CHEM): Chemicals Permitted in Consumer Fireworks and Novelties. Comments from industry were discussed. One comment from industry involved the request to update “smoke devices” and change the APA standard to reflect that sodium bicarbonate was no longer necessary since chemical compositions have changed. It was explained that the necessity for sodium bicarbonate reflects the CPSC regulations and APA cannot change their standard to contradict CPSC regulations. Another industry comment was regarding labeling changes that are being requested by PHMSA/APA and a proposal to grandfather previously manufactured devices was suggested. CPSC had provided comments, but APA requested more time to review those comments before addressing.

Industry comments regarding 2023 APA Standard 87-1C: Standard for the Construction, Classification, Approval, and Transportation of Entertainment Industry and Technical Pyrotechnics were discussed. This standard covers professional use devices which are not regulated by CPSC. It was noted that removal of “1.4G, UN0336 Professional Use Only” is an effort to keep those devices out of consumer hands. The designation of those items to “Articles Pyrotechnic” will hopefully make it clearer that those items are for professional use only.

Next Steps:

APA will reach out to CPSC staff to discuss comments after more time to review