



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.16 Infant Feeding Supports Performance Requirements Task Group

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Nursing Support Products

DATE OF MEETING: 3/12/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Tim Smith (ESHF)

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Tim Smith (ESHF), Celestine Kish (ESHF), Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP), and Tabby Zeb (GCRA)

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

Summary of Meeting:

This meeting of the ASTM Infant Feeding Supports Performance Requirements task group (TG) was led by the TG chair, Jessica Doyle. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss revisions to the performance requirements in the draft voluntary standard for infant feeding supports based on previously discussed ballot comments and negatives. Prior to the main discussion, the TG chair reminded the TG that the subcommittee had previously agreed to change its name from “infant feeding supports” to “nursing pillows,” to align with CPSC’s rulemaking effort. The primary topics of the main discussion were as follows:

- *Firmness Test Method.* The TG discussed the latest versions of the infant support surface and inner wall firmness test methods. One attendee recommended that language be added to the portion that discusses securing the product prior to testing to clarify that material can be added to fill in open spaces to help support the product during testing and to make sure the firmness of the actual product surface is being assessed. The TG chair intends to work with the individual who raised the comment to develop appropriate language. To address comments asking for clarity about what constitutes the “inner wall” of the product, the TG chair added a definition of this term, which is essentially the same as that for “caregiver opening” and will be discussed during the next Scope task group meeting. The TG also agreed to adding the phrase “top view” to the diagram showing the inner wall firmness test being performed, to clarify that the diagram is showing the test being performed horizontally, not vertically.
- *Infant Containment Test Method.* The TG discussed revisions to the infant containment test method for clarity, with particular emphasis on revising the sequence of steps so that products with a caregiver attachment first undergo all infant containment tests without the caregiver attachment secured, and then the caregiver attachment is adjusted to its minimum length and secured while the probe is still within the caregiver opening, at which point these tests are repeated. The TG chair also intends to add



an image or diagram that shows how one would assess whether the probe extends past the outside limits of the caregiver opening.

Next Steps:

The TG chair will revise the draft voluntary standard based on the results of the meeting and will send out the revised version to the TG prior to the next Performance Requirements TG meeting, which is scheduled for March 26, 2024.