



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.19 March Subcommittee Meeting on Wearable Infant Blankets

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Wearable Infant Blankets

DATE OF MEETING: 03/13/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

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FILING DATE: 03/26/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Khalisa Phillips, Ph.D., & Rana Balci-Sinha, Ph.D., ESHF; Suad Wanna-Nakamura, Ph.D., HSPP; Paige Witzen, LSE; Daniel Taxier, ESMC; & Jacqueline Campbell, EXHR.

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

Summary of Meeting:

The Subcommittee (SC) met to continue reviewing negative ballot results for ASTM F15.19 (23-03) Item 001 WK81176 - *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Wearable Blankets & Swaddles Intended for Use by Infants and Toddlers*. The meeting was led by SC co-chairs Ms. Tara Williams and Ms. Michelle Barry, with assistance from F15 Chair Mr. Donald Mays, and F15 Staff Manager Ms. Molly Lynyak.

At the outset of the meeting, Ms. Barry announced that the F15 Executive Committee recommended, and SC co-chairs agreed to replace existing co-leads for the Data Task Group (TG) Ms. Rachael Shagott and Ms. Ferman-Romero with Mr. Mays and Dr. Pollack-Nelson. Former co-lead Ms. Ferman-Romero intends to contest the action of being removed, and several other members questioned the basis for action as well. Mr. Mays responded by explaining ASTM processes and reiterated that the Data TG remains on pause until further notice.

Members turned to discussing ballot negatives pertaining to labels and warnings. One member proposed adding a statement to use no more than one wearable sleep product in Section 8.2.14.2. Other members recommended removing some of the half dozen separate warnings that are currently in the draft standard down to 3 or 2 warnings, as well as limiting content to in-scope products and removing general safe sleep guidance. Members expressed concerns that the warnings are too long and will lose consumers and are recommending no greater than 3 bullets that focus on hazards associated with in-scope products. CPSC staff recommended if weighted warnings get removed to add the statement "stop use if any filling comes out" since this pertains to batting and other fill materials, in addition to weighted pellets. Another member commented that the specific weight of each garment should be listed on the product possibly in the warnings like it has been recommended for loose weighted blankets intended for children.

Overall, consensus appears to be building among members to pass a voluntary standard that is agnostic to the types of products it covers (i.e., to not mention weighted products). A question came up pertaining to adding a



specific upper age limit for swaddles to better align with AAP guidance. A member expressed concern that consumers should be warned to stop swaddling at first signs of rolling full stop and not just while using a product as some consumers believe swaddles help keep infants on their backs.

Members reopened the Warnings TG to resume editing warnings language. A motion was proposed recommending that the F15 Executive Committee initiate standards development separately for weighted products; however, the vote failed to pass. Meeting ran over by a half hour to accommodate a revote and allow for continued discussion. Multiple topics of business and personal disagreements remained unresolved at the end of the meeting, despite the continued best efforts of many.

Next steps:

The Warnings TG lead plans to schedule a meeting before the SC meets on April 10, 2024. Several members plan to propose the possibility of a separate standard again under new business at the next SC meeting. Given multiple unresolved topics to address, the SC co-chairs plan to schedule a longer 90-minute meeting and to stay focused on getting the draft standard out to ballot for a revote as quickly as possible once all negatives have been addressed.