



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.19 Wearable Infant Blankets Scope Task Group Meeting Log

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Wearable Infant Blankets

DATE OF MEETING: 3/21/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Khalisa Phillips, Ph.D.

FILING DATE: 3/26/2024

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

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

Summary of Meeting:

This meeting was led by task group (TG) lead Mr. Chris Gulbrandsen. The intent of the meeting was to resolve negatives related to scope and definitions within the balloted standard, F15.19 (23-03) Item 001 WK81176 - *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Wearable Blankets & Swaddles Intended for Use by Infants and Toddlers*. At the meeting outset, the lead announced that he and the SC co-chairs had met prior to the TG where they determined all ballot negatives had been resolved, negating a need for the TG to meet. However, co-chair (Ms. Barry) disputes being part of any pre-meeting discussion.

At this point, another member expressed doubt whether her negative Scope vote had been adequately addressed; she inquired whether she could review the tracking spreadsheet for ballot negatives to see the resolution. The co-chairs were disinclined to release the negatives tracking sheet saying it was serving an administrative function only for internal use, and that they have been actively sharing copies of the draft standard showing current state of revisions.

The lead then called on Ms. Ferman-Romero who stated she had time-sensitive business to conduct; she notified the F15 chair Mr. Mays that she had emailed him questions and was waiting for written responses from him and other ASTM members. There was brief acknowledgement and then the lead made another effort at closing out the meeting, which was unsuccessful due to opposition from some members. The lead asked again whether any members have outstanding negatives or other topics to address in the Scope and Definitions sections. CPSC staff responded that there are products used for infant sleep that fall outside the proposed standard that do not currently have a standard to address them, for example weighted footie pajamas, and pajamas with magnetic fasteners. One member from the medical community asked if expansion of the scope would allow for discussion of "Miracle" padded sleepsuits that are intended to minimize rolling. He agreed it would be a good idea to address this type of product. However, at this point the F15 Chair, a co-chair of F15.19, and the TG lead all pushed back strongly on expanding the scope, stating it would set the



Subcommittee back considerably. The co-chair then asked whether there isn't already a sizing standard in ASTM for pajamas. CPSC staff explained that there is a sizing standard in ASTM under D13 (D4910-23) but that it is focused on fit across different age groups for the clothing industry rather than addressing specific safety hazards such as suffocation, and that while 16 CFR 1615 covers children's sleepwear it is focused solely on flammability hazards.

Given the focus on re-balloting soon, CPSC staff clarified the scope question of whether to add pajamas could be revisited as a future work item once a standard is in place. Another member questioned wouldn't we need to request and analyze incident data for pajamas before we could consider adding them to the scope of the standard. Another member questioned whether the TG decided what to call sleepsuits in the proposed standard since the term can't be used due to trademark concerns. No resolution was reached on what to call sleepsuits in the standard. Per the lead's direction, he ended the discussion and asked for any remaining Scope TG meetings to be canceled.

Next Steps:

The question of what to call sleepsuits in the standard will be raised at the next SC meeting on April 10, 2024. There also will be a separate Warnings TG meeting on March 27, 2024 to address multiple negatives regarding warning language. Given multiple topics remain unresolved, leads are scheduling longer meetings to allow for more time to address the negatives and allow for discussion between members. The co-chairs resolved to get a revised draft standard out to ballot for a revote as quickly as possible once all negatives are addressed and incident data have been summarized.