



MEETING LOG

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

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Nursing Support Products

DATE OF MEETING: 3/26/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Tim Smith (ESHF)

FILING DATE: 3/27/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Tim Smith (ESHF), Mark Eilbert (LSM), Ashley Johnson (HSPP), 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 nursing pillows,¹ based on comments and negatives on the prior ballot (ASTM ballot F15 (23-20), item 2).

The chair reviewed the most recent draft of the performance requirements and test methods, which had previously been shared with the TG. Part of a test method used the phrase “test specimen” to refer to the product being tested, and CPSC staff suggested that this phrase be replaced with “product.” The chair agreed. The chair also stated that she had sent the revised draft to test labs to verify that it was clear and was awaiting their review. Specific topics of discussion regarding the revised draft included the following:

- *Firmness Test Method.* The TG discussed revisions to the firmness test method to clarify how material can be added to fill-in open spaces or voids beneath a product to make sure the firmness of the actual product is being assessed. The TG agreed to revise or add a new image or figure to improve clarity. The TG also discussed how to address products that are not large enough to select three test locations at least 3 inches apart, as currently required by the test method. The TG agreed that three test locations still should be selected, but that the distance between test locations can be less than 3 inches if it is not possible to meet the 3-inch requirement.
- *Infant Containment Test Method.* The TG discussed one negative on the prior ballot that stated it was

¹ The Scope task group previously agreed to change all “infant feeding supports” references to “nursing pillows.”



unclear how you would perform the infant containment test if there was no caregiver opening. The chair noted that the latest revision to the test method states that the test is performed “[i]f the nursing pillow has a caregiver opening,” so this was no longer an issue. The TG agreed. In response to another negative from the same individual, the chair intends to make minor revisions to the figures to clarify what is considered the outer half of the test probe. The chair also stated that she will prepare a rationale for the infant containment requirement to address comments suggesting that such a rationale was needed.

Next Steps:

The 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 not yet scheduled but is expected to be in about 2 weeks. The chair also stated that she expects the draft voluntary standard to be ready for ballot by mid-April.