

MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F08.27 Hydrogel Projectile Launchers Workgroup Meeting

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Not on the FY24 Op Plan

DATE OF MEETING: 4/3/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Webex Teleconference

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Jill Hurley (ESHF)

FILING DATE: 4/9/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Jill Hurley (ESHF) Virtual,

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

Summary of Meeting:

Objective: Establish new guidelines for the performance criteria and warnings for hydrogel launchers and projectiles used with hydrogel launchers.

This meeting focused on reviewing the labeling requirements for hydrogel launchers. Work group members focused on language used for warnings on the product, packaging, and instructions as the format would continue to follow ANSI Z535. The word "brandishing" sparked constructive debate and review of various state and federal requirements. Most members supported having information similar to brandishing and decided on requiring a statement that conveys not to modify the launchers as they can be mistaken by police and others as firearms.

One member's research on muzzle energy was communicated. Information found related to joules (energy) was discussed as related to metal projectiles and eye injury. Proposed language for an annex was drafted and will be sent to all members for additional thoughts. The language in the instructions used to inform consumers about eye injury was changed from eye protection to safety glasses rated for ANSI Z87.1 to strengthen the message to consumers that specialty glasses as opposed to everyday eye or sunglasses, should always be worn.

Next Steps:

The next meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2024.