



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.16 Infant Feeding Supports Warnings Task Group

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Nursing Support Products

**DATE OF MEETING:** 4/15/2024

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Tim Smith (ESHF)

**FILING DATE:** 4/17/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Tim Smith (ESHF), Celestine Kish (ESHF), Susan Proper (EC), 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 Warnings task group (TG) was led by the co-chair of the Infant Feeding Supports subcommittee, Jessica Doyle. The purpose of the meeting was to continue the TG's discussion of possible revisions to the product warning in the draft voluntary standard for nursing pillows,<sup>1</sup> based on the comments and negatives on the prior ballot (ASTM ballot F15 (23-20), item 2). The primary topics of discussion were as follows:

- *Sleep and Suffocation.* The TG revisited the question of whether the initial sentence of the warning should use the phrase "can kill" and discussed other alternatives. CPSC staff stated that it was important to communicate not just the potential for suffocation, but also that infants are known to have died using nursing pillows for sleep. The TG discussed whether the warning was too strong and no longer applies, given that newer nursing pillows would have to meet performance requirements such as firmness. Staff stated that although the performance requirements should address most incidents of suffocation involving the baby's face being pressed into the product, suffocation still can occur when the product is used for sleep and the infant moves or rolls off the product and contacts other soft objects or bedding. After substantial discussion, the TG chose the following for the initial sentence of the warning: "BABIES HAVE DIED SLEEPING ON NURSING PILLOWS."
- *Fall Hazard.* The TG discussed omitting the fall-related warning language and adding that as a requirement for the instructional literature. CPSC staff expressed concern about limiting this hazard information to the instructions, given the prevalence of the hazard in the incident data and the likelihood

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<sup>1</sup> The Scope task group previously agreed to change all "infant feeding supports" references to "nursing pillows."



that consumers might not read the instructions for these products. The TG agreed to keep the fall hazard information.

- *Firm, Flat Sleep Surface.* CPSC staff questioned whether the warning statement about placing the infant to sleep in a crib, bassinet, or playpen should be changed to say that the baby should be moved to a “firm flat sleep surface, such as a crib or bassinet,” consistent with the Ad Hoc Language recommendations related to unattended use. The TG agreed and also revised the prior bullet item, about never placing a nursing pillow in a crib, bassinet, or playpen, to say never to place the product “where baby sleeps.” Staff also suggested that the references to “a nursing pillow” in the warning be changed to “this product,” and the TG agreed.

### **Next Steps:**

The chair will update the warning in the draft standard based on the TG meeting discussion and intends to forward the revised draft standard to ASTM for balloting.