

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.79 Subcommittee on Market Umbrellas (MU)

**DATE OF MEETING:** January 12, 2021

**LOCATION:** Conference call

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Andy Newens (ESMC)

**NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S):**

Molly Lynyak, ASTM (Organizer)

Ben Favret, Performance Excellence Development, LLC (Host)

Jackie Hirschhaut, International Casual Furnishings Association

Keith G Shelton, Academy Sports & Outdoors

Rick Brenner, Product Safety Advisors

Robyn Weitknecht, Reedy Creek Improvement District

Suzanne Woodward, American Holtzkraft

Sean Oberle, The Product Safety Newsletter

**SUMMARY OF MEETING:**

Reviewed the results from the December 2020 Subcommittee canvass which voted on moving forward to the ASTM Main Committee the proposed draft standard test method *Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas*. Results: 5 affirmed, 0 negatives, 2 abstained, including CPSC staff's abstention with comments. CPSC staff addressed high level comments, specifically that,

- 1) The proposed test method's title is *Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas*. The rating scale used by the test method does not state a threshold for what is "safe", so the test method is not really making a safety determination. The use of the word "safety" should be changed throughout the document to the word "strength", since the rating is only measuring the umbrella strength relative to wind speed.
- 2) While beach umbrellas are stated to be within the document's scope, the test procedure does not include a way for beach umbrellas to be tested – it only provides steps for testing an umbrella that is intended to be installed into a base. Either the test method must state it does not apply to beach umbrellas, or new steps must be added to create a test for beach umbrellas.

The Subcommittee did not make any changes to the ballot to address comments received. The Subcommittee chair indicated that the ballot item will automatically go unchanged to the Main Committee. The ballot is expected to start some time in February 2021 and close after 30 days.

Future meetings: The next meeting date will be shortly after the closing date of the Main Committee ballot. The Subcommittee will review ballot results and begin addressing any negatives/comments at that time.