



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.22 Emerging Hazards Water Beads Cautionary Labeling Task Group Meeting Log

OP PLAN ENTRY: Toys

DATE OF MEETING: 4/2/2025

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Jill Hurley (ESHF)

FILING DATE: 4/8/2025

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Jill Hurley (ESHF)

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

Summary of Meeting:

Task group (TG) met to work on draft language for a cautionary warning intended for water bead toy packaging. The TG discussed several iterations of an initial draft focusing on the hazards of ear and nose insertion to children. Several TG members, including CPSC staff, commented on the language and the hierarchy of how the information would be presented. The TG agreed to first highlight the expanding property of water beads for those unfamiliar with the hazard. The explanation of internal blockage within the body will follow the hazard statement to convey what will happen should the beads be inserted into the ears or nose. Language surrounding an ingestion hazard was discussed by the TG, and with varying degrees of TG consensus, but was ultimately omitted from the draft language because the draft proposed performance requirements are intended to mitigate the potential for intestinal blockages to occur.

Next Steps:

The task group will submit draft label language to the subcommittee for discussion. No follow-up meetings have been scheduled.