

**LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ANSI Z535.7 Subcommittee on Warnings in Electronic Media

OP PLAN PRODUCT: Warning Signs and Labels

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PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual/Teleconference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ANSI for attendee list

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting of the ANSI Z535.7 Subcommittee was led by the Chair of the subcommittee, Eric Boelhouwer. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the comments received on the recently balloted ANSI Z535.7 warning standard for electronic media.

The Chair shared and went through a table of comments that was distributed to the subcommittee prior to the meeting. Most comments were rejected because they proposed revisions that were inconsistent with similar language that already appears in other Z535-series standards, particularly Z535.6 (*Product safety information in product manuals, instructions, and other collateral materials*), on which the draft Z535.7 standard was largely based. The Chair agreed to double-check some of the proposed changes against the Z535.6 to confirm that the correct language is being used.

There was a brief discussion about one comment on a requirement related to the duration of visually presented safety messages in dynamic media, which referred to features that could be considered to allow additional time to review safety messages. One of the examples included was a “skip” function, which the commenter suggested implied that consumers would have the ability to skip over the safety message. The commenter suggested either changing this word to “next” or deleting the word “skip.” CPSC staff suggested that the term be deleted since the listed functions are just examples and even the term “next” might be interpreted similar to “skip.” There were no objections to this recommendation.

One comment suggested that the “Purpose” section of the standard be changed to state that the standard is intended not just to assist manufacturers in formatting and maintaining safety information in electronic media, but also in “creating” this information. The consensus of the subcommittee was that the focus of the standard is on formatting, not content, so that “creating” was not appropriate. CPSC staff pointed out that the standard includes requirements related to the duration of presentation of safety information and includes a “Message Content” section that

provides basic requirements unrelated to format and maintenance, suggesting that the addition of “creating” would be appropriate. The subcommittee disagreed.

The Chair concluded the meeting by saying that he would circulate the most up-to-date version of the draft standard to the subcommittee and will begin preparing rationales for the negative comments that were rejected, in preparation for the full Z535 Committee meeting in April.