



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.79 Task Group on Beach Umbrellas

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Market Umbrellas/ Beach Umbrellas

DATE OF MEETING: December 20, 2023

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual/WebEx

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

FILING DATE: December 27, 2023

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC), Caroleene Paul (ESMC), Sharon White (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

The Beach Umbrellas (BU) Task Group (TG) was formed by the ASTM F15.79 Market Umbrellas Subcommittee for the purpose of developing new BU safety standards and test methods. There currently are no established safety standards for sand-mounted BUs. The primary hazard is fly-away BUs after the wind pulls the umbrellas out of the sand and sends them airborne. There are several incidents in which BUs have seriously injured beachgoers, including two deaths.

The proposed Beach Umbrella Safety Standard, which was balloted to the Main Committee (F15.00(23-19) ITEM 001 WK81182), closed on December 18, 2023. The TG discussed the negative votes and comments. As part of the review process, CPSC staff provided rationales for the proposed scope, test methods, markings, on-product warning and compliance label for anchor devices in response to comments. The TG moved to find many of the comments non-persuasive, and accepted other comments that can be addressed with editorial changes. Many negative comments were withdrawn after the commenter's concerns were discussed by the TG. The meeting adjourned before the TG could finish reviewing all the comments.

Next Steps:

The TG will meet again on January 3, 2024, from 9am-12pm to continue addressing negative comments. The TG chair will invite the remaining negative voters to attend the meeting to discuss their concerns.