



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: January 3, 2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual/WebEx

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

FILING DATE: January 9, 2024

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 finished discussing the ballot results. 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 accepted some of the comments that can be addressed with editorial changes, and developed rationale statements in response to the negative comments that were found non-persuasive.

Next Steps:

The TG chair will contact those who voted negative and provide the group's consensus responses to their comments. For voters who will not withdraw their negatives, the TG chair will submit the non-persuasive motions to the Main Committee for ballot. The TG will meet again on February 7, 2024, from 11am-12pm to discuss the status and next steps needed for approval of the proposed safety standard.