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SUBJECT: ASTM F15.19 Wearable Infant Blankets Scope Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: March 29, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Virtual (teleconference)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Khalisa Phillips (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Rana Balci-Sinha (ESHF), Khalisa Phillips (ESHF), & Suad Wanna-Nakamura (HSPP)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Ballot Results: None

This meeting was led by Chris Gulbrandsen. The group recently finished the Terminology section and plans to fill out the last section of the Scope and send it to the subcommittee to work on at the May meeting. A few participants stated that international data are converging about a potential suffocation hazard associated with weighted products for infants, which have been deemed unsafe by certain medical professionals. The participants suggested that it may be appropriate for weighted products to have a different standard apart from infant wearable blankets. There was disagreement among members about whether the lack of incident data shows that these products are safe, or if the involved firms are obligated to show that these products are safe. One member stated that police reports do not usually capture product-specific information so there may be more incidents. One member talked about her own loss and stated that it involved a weighted wearable blanket, although it is unknown if the death was associated with the product features. The task group discussed a new incident reported this week on Saferproducts.gov involving another infant. One member stated that medical advice is no more than 30 minutes of continuous use while under constant supervision and medical monitoring. The 10 percent of body weight that is used for adult weighted blankets is being translated to infants who are very different from adults. A question was raised about whether ASTM took steps to change their standards development process after how things played out for inclined sleep products. An ASTM rep responded that this is a consensus process involving technical experts and that voting negative is the way to raise objections. One member suggested that it is in the best interest of ASTM to make these products as safe as possible, and that CPSC should decide whether the products should be on the market. One member suggested that weighted products should be part of the standard, but the weight limit could be lowered effectively eliminating any hazardous weighted

products. Another member suggested that consumers should be made aware of the risk associated with weighted features through additional safety warnings. Another member stated that she contacted AAP and received information that the 10 percent of body weight is too high and that it should be lowered to no more than 5 or 6 percent; the member is confirming the figure and will get back to the task group. The next Scope task group meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2023.