

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: Teleconference/Web meeting with the ASTM F15.42 Furniture Subcommittee Storage Ottoman Task group

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LOCATION: Teleconference

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CPSC ATTENDEES: Priscilla Verdino (LSC), Adam Howie (LSM)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for the full list of attendees

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This was a task group meeting for WK80158 which is developing a new voluntary standard to address safety hazards associated with furniture used for storage such as “storage ottomans”.

In response to a request for updated CPSC incident data, CPSC staff explained that the incident data was requested and needed to go through the clearance process but that the hazards identified were similar to the first set of incident data that was provided in December 2021. The updated data was provided to the task group the following day.

The chair gave a brief background and explained that the need for the standard arose when ASTM was updating the “cedar chest” standard. According to the task group, those types of storage products have a functional requirement that does not allow for ventilation. He explained that the task group agreed there should be another product category that would encompass storage furniture that could allow for ventilation, such as storage ottomans.

The draft standard is based on a previous version of the toy chest standard (F-834: 2008 version) that is being used as an editorial template. The task group continued to review the draft.

There were several concerns that were brought up by task group members. One was that the scope encompasses items based on “total volume” and that may be too liberal, and that the standard would apply to products not originally intended in the scope. It was suggested that the scope explicitly exclude or include certain items. Other members of the task group suggested that listing certain item types may be too restrictive. Some members voiced concern that items currently on the market would not be able to meet the hinge stay requirements in the standard. For example, items with a “fabric” hinge. The third main concern that was brought up was that the draft standard required a “model number” change in case of a significant design or manufacturing change. Some edits may be suggested and the standard draft will continue to be revised.

Next steps: Task group members will meet again to continue revising the draft. The date for the next task group meeting was not set at this meeting.