

CPSC STAFF MEETING LOG

Meeting Date: 01/17/2023

Location: Teleconference

Subject: ASTM F15.70 – Adult Safety Products – Subcommittee Meeting

Product: Adult Portable Bed Rails (APBRs)

Prepared By: CPSC Staff

Date of Log: 01/18/2023

Attendees: Contact ASTM for a complete list of attendees

CPSC Attendees: Adam Howie & Vineed Dayal

Meeting Summary:

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The purpose of this ASTM F15.70 subcommittee meeting was to appoint a new Revision Task Group (RTG) chair and to review the proposed changes to ASTM F3186 – 17, *Standard Specification for Adult Portable Bed Rails and Related Products*.

Due to voiced concerns about the proposed volunteer, an official vote was taken to approve a new Revision Task Group chair.

Afterwards the subcommittee chair briefly discussed the list of changes previously approved by the RTG, and notified the subcommittee that they will be posted to go up to ballot soon.

The subcommittee chair also asked CPSC staff to review the proposed changes from staff's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR). First staff announced that the comment period for the NPR officially closed on 01/09/2023 and that staff is in the process of reviewing those comments, and will implement changes as needed to the proposed rule accordingly. Staff sent out a link to the regulations.gov document site and briefly read through the previously proposed revisions for the subcommittee.

Subcommittee members asked staff several questions about the proposed revisions, specifically for the following sections: 6.4.1; 7.13; & 8.4.4.2. In response staff referred to the rationales listed in the document, and reminded the subcommittee that staff are in the process of considering changes based on comments received during the comment period.

One group voiced concerns about meeting the current voluntary standard, a potential updated voluntary standard, and a CPSC regulation. The subcommittee chair clarified that ASTM standards are voluntary standards, and meeting the requirements is optional. In contrast, if CPSC passes a Final Rule (FR), it would come with a set effective date determined by the Commission, and would be a mandatory enforced regulation for APBR products.

In closing, the subcommittee chair asked staff for a general expected timeline for a staff FR briefing package and rule. Staff stated that the APBR team is programed to deliver a package by Q4 and an official determination from the Commission would take some time after that delivery.

The next F15.70 subcommittee and RTG meetings are to be determined.