



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.19 February Subcommittee Meeting on Wearable Infant Blankets

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Wearable Infant Blankets

DATE OF MEETING: 02/14/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Khalisa Phillips, Ph.D., ESHF

FILING DATE: 02/29/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Khalisa Phillips, Ph.D., & Rana Balci-Sinha, Ph.D., ESHF; Stefanie Marques, Ph.D., Suad Wanna-Nakamura, Ph.D., & Ashley Johnson, Ph.D., HSPP; Paige Witzen, LSE; Daniel Taxier, ESMC; & Jacqueline Campbell, EXHR.

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

Summary of Meeting:

The Subcommittee met to continue reviewing negative ballot results for F15.19 (23-03) Item 001 WK81176 - *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Wearable Blankets & Swaddles Intended for Use by Infants and Toddlers*. The meeting was led by Subcommittee co-chairs Ms. Tara Williams and Ms. Michelle Barry, with assistance from ASTM F15 Chair, Don Mays, and F15 Staff Manager, Molly Lynyak. At the start, a member questioned whether a motion made at the previous meeting had been properly addressed. The motion concerned whether to create a separate standard dedicated to addressing weighted wearable products for infants, and address warnings under this additional standard. As no vote was taken on this motion, the member is being invited back to the next SC meeting to restate the motion and hold an official vote.

The remainder of the meeting focused on resolving negatives in Section 3 - Definitions. The group discussed concerns with the definition for “wearable swaddle;” as a result, “tight” and “restrict” were removed and replaced with swaddles “contain” the arms. One member suggested “swaddling” as an action verb would be a more helpful/descriptive definition to have in the standard than the noun “swaddle.” CPSC staff mentioned that the key benefit comes from snugly wrapping an infant, resulting in tactile feedback to their actions / a calming response. Then the group debated whether the standard should address arm swaddles only due to concerns about leg swaddles contributing to hip dysplasia. CPSC staff stated that wearable swaddles that snugly wrap the legs are currently being sold, so it would be preferable to develop a performance requirement for such products to indicate a full range of leg movement is possible (including being able to sleep in a legs-out position). Certain step-in blankets that cover only the feet and/or legs are currently out of scope of the draft standard.

A member raised concerns about putting too much stock in manufacturer marketing, such as “intended to be worn over sleepwear” and “intentionally weighted” as garment design including fill materials should be more important for determining performance requirements than how it is marketed. Even if members decide to



exclude weighted products from the scope, having a definition in the standard for weighted products seems important for determining what is and isn't within scope. Lastly, a member raised concerns about the term "sleepsuit" being a trademarked term, with one member suggesting the term "bodysuit" but others stating that the term is commonly used for women's shapewear/slimming garments. The task group removed the definition for "sleepsuit" from the draft standard, but they plan to revisit at the next meeting.

Next steps:

There are multiple upcoming meetings to support balloting a second draft of the standard as quickly as possible. Here are the upcoming meetings:

- March 4 @3pm (E.T.) - Performance Requirements TG
- March 11 @3pm (E.T.) - Scope & Definitions TG
- March 13 @1pm (E.T.) - Subcommittee Mtg
- March 21 @1pm (E.T.) - Scope & Definitions TG