



## **MEETING LOG**

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.11 Gates & Enclosures Pet Door Task Group

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures

**DATE OF MEETING:** 03/22/2024, 1:00 pm, ET

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Carlos Torres (ESMC)

**FILING DATE:** 04/04/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Carlos Torres (ESMC), Jill Hurley (ESHF), Matthew Kreese (LSM), Susan Proper (EC)

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

### **Summary of Meeting:**

This Task Group (TG) meeting was to discuss expansion gates with a pet door, and gates with horizontal transverse panels. Health Canada discussed that during their compliance verification project they encountered gates with a pet door (a small door within the gate that allows pet to pass through) that may pose an entrapment hazard as the pet door allows passage of the small torso probe. Also, these pet doors may contain horizontal members which can provide a “toe hold” and facilitate climb overs. Additionally, Health Canada discussed barn-looking style gates with horizontal transverse panels across the gate that may be used by children to prop themselves up and potentially climb over. CPSC staff commented that the current gate standard already includes a bounded-opening requirement to prevent passage and entrapment of children. The group, including staff, agreed that expansion gates shall not have pet doors and that such products would be in violation of the U.S. federal regulation. The scope of the current gates standard already includes a provision that expansion gates shall not be designed for pet use. The group decided to develop verbiage to strengthen the scope that gates shall not have pet doors nor be marketed for pet use. The group also agreed to consider the performance requirements for foot hold from the European gates standard for incorporation into the ASTM gates standard in order to prevent possible climb overs on gate with transverse components.

The TG will try to meet again in April 2024 before the subcommittee meetings in May.