

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: F15.18 Bassinet Scope & Definition Task Group of Bassinet Subcommittee

DATE OF MEETING: 19 January 2022

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Celestine Kish, ESHF

LOCATION: Teleconference

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Celestine Kish, ESHF; Carlos Torres, ESMC; Ashley Johnson, HSPP; Susan Proper, EC

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Scott Lewis, Subcommittee/Task Group (TG) Lead; please contact ASTM for the full list of participants.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. Lewis explained that now that the new CPSC federal regulation for Infant Sleep Products refers back to the Bassinet standard definitions for some terms within the Bassinet standard should be considered.

The TG engaged in a lengthy discussion about whether “leg-based frame” should be defined or removed from the bassinet definition. Members explained that legs should be included/defined because they discourage consumers from placing product on a soft or raised surface. Other members expressed interest in removing “legs” because it was never intended to be a requirement. CPSC staff was asked to explain how to define legs. Ms. Kish encouraged the group to look at the stability test as a point to start because the stability test for regular bassinets was developed to address bassinets being pulled over by young siblings and it was her understanding that the reason compact bassinets did not have to comply with the requirements was because some products couldn’t pass. It was explained that some compact bassinets couldn’t pass the requirement but it was also because members did not consider the test necessary since compact bassinets are intended to be used on the floor.

One member indicated he believed that CPSC’s new regulations is discriminating against low-income families who don’t have the money or space to purchase regular sized bassinets. Ms. Kish adamantly disputed that statement explaining that there are smaller footprint, less expensive bassinets available for all income-levels and that CPSC is working to ensure consumers have access to safe sleep products.

A few members of the TG will work with the subcommittee chair to make a proposal for definition of legs and will focus on the stability test as a means for defining legs. One member suggested offering an alternative requirement for products that do not have legs as opposed to requiring all products have legs.

The meeting adjourned.