



United States
Consumer Product Safety Commission

Record of Commission Action
Commissioners Voting by Ballot*

Commissioners Voting: Chair Alexander D. Hoehn-Saric
 Commissioner Dana Baiocco
 Commissioner Peter A. Feldman
 Commissioner Richard Trumka Jr.
 Commissioner Mary T. Boyle

ITEM:

ASTM's Notice of a Revised Voluntary Standard for Bassinets and Cradles
(Briefing package dated September 14, 2022 OS# 0154)

DECISION:

The Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to determine that ASTM F2194-22^{ε1} does not improve the safety of bassinets and cradles or infant sleep products and to direct CPSC staff to notify ASTM of this determination and that the Commission is retaining the existing standard for bassinets and cradles in 16 CFR part 1218.

Chair Hoehn-Saric and Commissioners Trumka and Boyle issued a joint statement regarding this matter (see attachment).

For the Commission:

Alberta Mills

Alberta E. Mills
Secretary

*Ballot vote due September 23, 2022
(Commissioner Feldman extended the vote date from September 20 to September 23, 2022).

Attachment: Joint Statement by Chair Hoehn-Saric and Commissioners Trumka and Boyle



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**JOINT STATEMENT OF CHAIR HOEHN-SARIC AND COMMISSIONERS
TRUMKA AND BOYLE: CPSC REJECTS ATTEMPT TO WEAKEN BASSINET
STANDARD AND INFANT SLEEP RULE**

SEPTEMBER 27, 2022

On Friday, September 23rd, the Commission voted unanimously to protect sleeping babies. We rejected the ASTM revision to a voluntary standard that would have made bassinets less safe and would have allowed firms to end-run the landmark Infant Sleep Products Rule (ISP Rule). With today's vote, we reaffirm our commitment to protecting the most vulnerable among us by maintaining both a strong bassinet standard and infant sleep rule.

We rejected the revised bassinet standard not only because it is weaker than the current bassinet standard, but because it would have allowed the sale of compact bassinets, an entire class of unsafe and less stable products that are currently prohibited under the ISP Rule. Unlike traditional bassinets, compact bassinets have no legs, allowing them to be placed on beds, countertops, and in other unsafe locations where they could fall. The data clearly show that head injuries and deaths from falls occur in these products when they are used on elevated surfaces. Suffocation risks from tipovers also increase when these products are used on soft surfaces, such as couches or beds.

Simply put, these changes would put infants at risk.

We cannot allow our safety standards—especially for infants—to be diluted in this way. We must—and we will—reject any attempt to do so.

Our vote today is a victory for consumers and for infant safety.

September is Baby Safety Month and CPSC will continue to reiterate that infants should only sleep on a firm, flat surface, like a crib. A strong bassinet standard and ISP Rule will help to make every day a safe day for babies. We cannot allow otherwise.