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SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.30 Subcommittee on Bunk Beds

DATE OF MEETING: March 17, 2011 (2:00 p.m. EST)

PLACE OF MEETING: None (Conference Call)

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Mark Eilbert (LSM)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

This meeting was led by Bill Perdue, who is the subchair for the F15.30 Subcommittee on Bunk Beds. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss (1) the details of Petition CP 10-2 & HP 10-1, Petition for Change to the Bunk Bed Standard, which was submitted to the CPSC by Carol Pollack-Nelson, Ph.D., of Independent Safety Consulting, and (2) possible revisions to ASTM F 1427, Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Bunk Beds, that might address the issues raised in the petition.

The meeting opened with Ms. Pollack-Nelson briefly summarizing the petition for the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee discussed some of the details of the petition and the associated incidents of entrapment in side structures that are integral to, or included with, the bunk bed. The Subcommittee then discussed possible changes to ASTM F 1427 that might address the hazard identified in the petition. By the conclusion of the meeting, the consensus opinion seemed to be that the same type of entrapment testing requirements that are currently in place for the upper bunk with respect to the guardrails might be able to be applied to the lower bunk with respect to ladders and other side structures, but that this issue would have to be examined more carefully.

The Subcommittee formed a task group charged with examining ASTM F 1427, recommending revisions to the standard to address the concerns raised in the petition, and reporting these proposed revisions to the Subcommittee during the next Bunk Bed Subcommittee meeting, tentatively scheduled for May 5, 2011.