

LOG OF MEETING**DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM F15.18 Subcommittee for Cribs.

DATE OF MEETING: May 29, 1996 **PLACE:** ASTM Headquarters
West Conshohocken, PA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES *JP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Dave Campbell, Century	Jerry Drobinski, Revmark
Neal Rickmers, Evenflo	Bill MacMillan, JPMA
Sam Shamie, Delta	Jack Walsh, Danny Foundation
Richard Glover, Cosco	Kandi Mell, JPMA
Terry Emerson, Cosco	Leslie Cellotto, Bonavita
Mike Krigier, DTL	Ron Hoffman, Graco
Cecil Cantey, Nelson	Clare Arsenault, Graco
Jake Williams, Playsafe	Jon Robinson, Gerry Wood Prod.
Keith Moehring, Simmons	Kitty Pilarz, Fisher-Price
Tim Snyder, Fisher-Price	Paul Doppelt, PD Consulting
Kathy Carrick, Sears	Al Kozak, ACTS Testing Labs.
Marcie Ridenour, Temple Univ.	Eric Tarnow, CTW
Arthur Kazianis, Hasbro	David Hommel, Bird-in-Hand

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

In the absence of the subcommittee chairman, the meeting was chaired by David Campbell. After a self introduction of members and guests, the minutes of the last meeting were approved as received.

OLD BUSINESS:

ASTM F966 Crib Corner Post Standard - A comment from Shelley Deppa on the ASTM F15 Committee ballot (F150296) was accepted.

Non-Full-Size Crib Standard - A number of comments received in response to a subcommittee ballot of this new standard were discussed and some revisions were made to the draft standard. As revised, the standard will be submitted to ASTM for a concurrent ballot by the F15.18 Subcommittee and F15 Main Committee and ASTM Society.

ANSI Warning Labels - Mr. Campbell reviewed recommendations from a special task force and noted that messages addressing warning statements addressing hazards should be visually separated from messages providing informational material and instructions. Mr. Campbell will draft a letter to other chairmen of ASTM/JPMA subcommittees regarding this recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crib Slat Separation - John Preston summarized the background on this issue. He said that in response to a CPSC staff request to JPMA for information regarding manufacturer's in-house quality assurance programs, 19 manufacturers had responded. He said that CPSC staff may recommend a mandatory regulation to address slat disengagement problems if the subcommittee could not resolve this issue.

A manufacturer stated that he had reviewed crib slat disengagement incident data, previously supplied by CPSC staff, and determined that a few companies appeared to be involved in a majority of the incidents.

In regard to the torque test in the Canadian regulation for cribs that had previously been suggested by CPSC staff, manufacturers were of the opinion that this test would not determine if crib slats were secure and not be likely to disengage during use of a crib.

The issue of crib slat disengagement was concluded by a statement from the subcommittee that the CPSC staff should concentrate its efforts on those manufacturers who had been involved in slat separation incidents. Mr. Preston stated that he would report this to the CPSC staff.

Sleep Wedges - A consumer representative said that she had seen an article in a baby magazine regarding the use of "sleep wedges" to prevent SIDS deaths in cribs. The article had stated that there was some concern about the use of such wedges and she offered to provide the subcommittee with more information on these products for discussion at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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