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SUBJECT: Standards Technical Panel for Electric Fans

DATE OF MEETING: February 27, 2007.

PLACE OF MEETING: Clearwater, Florida

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Anna Luo, ESEE

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: March 16, 2007

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Anna Luo, ESEE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: (See attachment)

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC staff attended a meeting of the Standards Technical Panel (STP) of UL 507 for Electric Fans at Clearwater, Florida. The following standard issues were discussed during the meeting:

UL 507 Agenda Topics

- Updates from STP 507 Task Groups
- Updates on Discussion Topics and Proposals from March 2006 STP Meeting
- Power Supply Cord Task Group
- Coil Wrap Requirements for Open Motors Utilized in Ceiling and Wall Insert Fans
- Downdraft Fans Flare Up Test Revisions
- Temperature and Grease Build-Up Profile Test
- Temperature Test for Cooking Area Fans
- Glass Used in Rangehoods
- Range hoods Employing Motor-Operated Intake Slats
- Lamp Containment Barriers
- Portable Appliances Intended for Outdoor Use
- Exposure of Combustible Materials Within Ceiling Suspended Fan Outlet Boxes
- Installation and Use and Care Manuals Supplied in Electronic Format
- Replace Table 31.1 with Table 21.1 of UL 705
- Removal of the Canadian Requirements Comparison Guide (CRG)
- Crawlspace Ventilators
- Industrial Air Circulators Motor Enclosure Temperatures
- Guarding of In-Line Duct Fans
- Half- Wave Temperature Test Definition of ²Usable Normal Condition²
- Static Load Test Clarification
- Tub and Shower Definition
- Miscellaneous Revisions

UL 705 Agenda Topics

 Addition of Requirements for Commercial Ceiling Insert Fans for Use Over Tub and Shower Enclosures to UL 705

The fan power cord working group finalized the proposal that requires portable fan power cords to pass a performance test, which includes pinching, abrasion, crushing, and flexing tests. The proposal was sent to the STP members on November 20, 2006 for comments (due January 19, 2007). AHAM (Wayne Morris) commented on the flexing test, which resulted in lowering the flexing test cycles from 6,000 (original proposal) to 3,100 cycles. CPSC staff is concerned that the future power supply cord would be less flexible when compared to the current SPT-2 power cord because the UL test results show that SPT-2 failed at 5,000 cycles to 10,000 cycles. CPSC staff showed support for the new proposed requirements, but also voiced a concern about lowering the number of flexing cycles.

CPSC staff also distributed the CPSC proposal on electric fans associated with home-use inflatable children's toys to the STP members at the meeting. The proposals will be submitted through the UL CSDS.

STP members agreed in principle that some of the proposed requirements be forwarded to the STP for balloting. STP chairman will establish working groups to discuss details of some issues before proposals are submitted to the STP for balloting. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be issued by UL.

Attachment

STP Members:

Barth, Jeffrey - A O Smith Corp Electrical Products Co.

Battema, Ron - Compliance Consulting Inc.

Beideman, Gary - Lasko Metal Products Inc.

Crawford, Lee - Jarden Consumer Solutions

Dahl, David - Greenheck Fan Corp.

Desjardins, Dan - Fantech Ltd.

Diescher, James - Intertek

Hallett, Mark - Universal Metal Industries Inc.

Helmes, John - Nutone Inc.

John, Bill - EBM-Papst Inc.

Martin, Julian - Hunter Fan Co. (Substitute for Robert Davis)

Malohn, Susan - UL, STP Project Manager

Maurio, Chante W. - UL, PDE for UL 507

Morris, Wayne - Association of Home Appliance Mfrs

Musso, Joe - UL, STP Chair

Wolbrink, Dave - Broan - NuTone LLC

Wood, Laura - Home Ventilating Institute

Zelazny, George

Guests:

Birdsell, Walt - Kaz Inc

Blewitt, Tom - Underwriters Laboratories Inc.

Boldt, Jim - Broan-NuTone LLC

Eggleston, Gregory - Whirlpool Corp Lavergne Div

Eiden, Christopher - Greenheck Fan Corp

Farchione, David - Broan-Nutone LLC

Friedlander, Matthew - Renew Aire LLC

Fox, John - Air King Ventilation Products

Gagas, John - Western Industries

Harper, John - JDH Consultants, LLC

Jacoby, Howard - Jarden Consumer Solutions

Lee, Don - CSA

Mac Lean, Arnie - Eclipse Enviro Inc.

Morrison, Trey - Exponent Failure Analysis Associates

Radcliffe, Carl - UL, PDE for UL 705

Raymer, Paul - Heyoka Solutions, LLC

Svedland, Jirri - AB C.A. Ostberg

Wettergren, Ola - Fantech/Kanalflakt

Walk-ins:

Steve Tarpley - Ventamatic LTD

Jim Laughlin - Ventamatic LTD

Ken Jonas - Broan-NuTone LLC

Russell Pope - Soler Palau/Breidert Air Products Al Cotrone - UL Don Stevens - Stevens and Associates/Panasonic Peter Grinbergs - Nutech Brands Inc. Chuck Levine - Acme Miami Rick Olmstead - Venmar Ventilation Inc. Daniel Forest - Venmar Ventilation Inc.