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LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM F15.40.26 Section for Infant Bedding and Related Accessories

DATE OF MEETING: March 28, 1995 **PLACE:** Doubletree Hotel
New Orleans, LA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ESME JPF

DATE OF ENTRY: April 7, 1995

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ESME

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

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| Marcie Ridenour, Temple Univ. | Gary Christman, Evenflo |
| Clare Murnane, JPMA | Roy Duke, Entella |
| Paula Markowitz, PatchKraft | François Dignard, Health Canada |
| Werner Frietag, Consumer | Cecil Cantey, Nelson |
| Richard Glover, Cosco | Bob Craig, Consultant |
| Arlene Doppelt, Consumer | Pat Plitt, Consumer |
| Paul Doppelt, Consultant | Mary Ellen Fise, CFA |
| Jack Walsh, Danny Foundation | Brad Franklin, Beacon Mfg. |
| Donna Mills, Rock A Bye Baby | Eric Tarnow, Children's TV W'kshop |
| Marolyn Morrow, Rock A Bye | Michael Krygier, DTL |
| Brenda Ruhland, J.C. Penney | Art Kazianis, Hasbro |
| Perry McGlothan, Century | Charles Brooks, Consultant |
| Kitty Pilarz, Fisher-Price | Bill Suvak, Child Craft |
| Jerry Drobinski, Revmark | Michael Summergrade, Summersault |
| Roger Amorosi, DTL | Patti Summergrade, Summersault |
| George Kiefer, Owen Mfg. | Bill Dean, Riegel/Mt. Vernon Mills |
| Ron Hoffman, Graco | Russ Bowman, Gribetz International |
| Nate Saint, Graco | David Siquefield, Dundee Mills |
| Rick Harris, Judi's Originals | |

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

It was noted that the minutes of the last meeting did not have the correct language for the warning labels at Section 8.2 of the draft standard. These will be corrected.

In a subcommittee ballot that closed on March 26 a negative vote was received from Shelley Deppa. A letter accompanying the negative stated that the draft standard contained poorly worded and formatted warning labels and the standard did not prohibit pillows in cribs. After some discussion, a motion was approved to change the pillow warning as follows:

! WARNING
PREVENT SUFFOCATION. Do not put any pillow in a
crib or near any area where an infant may sleep.

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Pillows are a decorative item only and are not intended to be used for an infant to sleep on or to be placed on.

In regard to the other warnings, the letter accompanying the negative vote stated that "Possible entanglement injury" is misleading and an understatement of the hazard. A more direct statement for all the products (except pillows) would be STRANGULATION HAZARD or PREVENT STRANGULATION.

Discussion on this issue resulted in a motion to change the warning for bumper pads in 8.2.1 to delete the word "Possible" and state the warning as "PREVENT ENTANGLEMENT." This was amended to state instead "PREVENT ENTANGLEMENT OR STRANGULATION." In discussion on the motion, manufacturers of such products were opposed to the deletion of the word "possible." Ultimately a motion was approved to rule the negative vote persuasive and change the prefix to the warning message for bumper pads to state: "PREVENT STRANGULATION OR ENTANGLEMENT"

Similarly, a motion was approved to change the prefix for the warning statements in sections 8.2.2, 8.2.4, and 8.2.5 (wall hangings, window treatments, and diaper stackers) to state: "PREVENT STRANGULATION OR ENTANGLEMENT." The motion was therefore ruled persuasive.

In a discussion of the negative voter's comment that the format for the warning labels should follow that recommended by ANSI Z535.4, a motion was approved to require the ANSI format but without the orange color requirement. Another motion was approved to add to Section 2. (Reference Documents) a reference to the ANSI Z535.4 standard.

A comment accompanying another negative vote noted that only a partial rationale had been included with the ballot and in addition, stated that Section 7.4 (fit of sheets, etc.) was not accompanied by a test and should be moved to the General Requirements section of the standard. A motion was approved to move the statement regarding fit of sheets, etc. to the General Requirements section of the standard and continue to work on a definition or test for fitted products. A motion was also approved to add a definition for a diaper stacker.

Another negative vote was accompanied by a comment expressing disagreement with the warning labels for wall hangings (8.2.2) and diaper stackers (8.2.4). The commenter stated that the word "standing" should be removed from 8.2.2 and in 8.2.5 it was suggested that diaper stackers not be placed within a child's reach rather than stating: "Never place on or attach to a crib." After discussion on this negative a motion was approved to change 8.2.2 to state:

! WARNING

PREVENT STRANGULATION OR ENTANGLEMENT

Do not place wall hanging within a child's reach (including a standing child). Not intended as a toy.

A motion was also approved to find the comment regarding a change to the verbiage regarding diaper stackers in 8.2.5 non-persuasive.

A letter accompanying another negative vote objected to the 7 inch maximum length requirement for bumper pad ties. The letter claimed that bumper pad ties that are only 7 inches long would not be long enough to be tied around the corner posts of "a great percentage of cribs on the market" and proposed that the requirement be changed to permit ties up to 9 inches in length. After discussion, a motion was approved to permit ribbons, strings and ties (in section 7.2) to not exceed 9 inches. It was also agreed that the second sentence in the General Requirements section at 5.1 (Ribbons, Strings and Ties) was not necessary and would be deleted. Similarly, a motion was approved to delete 6.3 since it is already addressed in 5.1. The letter accompanying the same negative vote also objected to the warning label requirement for a "headboard/bumper set or bumper" in 8.2.1. It was agreed that this warning label requirement would be re-evaluated at an interim meeting to be held in June or July.

An affirmative vote was accompanied by a comment suggesting that the words "or non-full-size crib" be added to section 7.4 (fit of sheets, etc.). A motion was approved to accept this suggestion.

Another comment accompanying an affirmative vote suggested that 8.1, requiring a label identifying the manufacturer, should state that the "law label" cannot be used for this purpose. The comment was accepted.

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