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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: Infant Suffocation Project - Polyester Batting

DATE OF MEETING: February 15, 1994

LOCATION OF MEETING:

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 Rick Schaffer, Product Safety Letter
 Tony Shaw, Hoechst Celanese Corporation
 Joe Raffo, DuPont

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC staff met with members of the Polyester Fiber Industry to learn more about the manufacture of polyester fibers and batting. Staff was also interested in learning about the differences among polyester battings.

Mr. Raffo of DuPont and Mr. Averell of Hoechst Celanese described the fiber production process and talked about the different fiber properties that could be varied to achieve different physical properties. For example, a manufacturer of polyester batting can specify the softness or firmness, the loft, the durability, and the hand needed for a particular batting. The polyester fiber manufacturer can then make changes in the way the fiber is manufactured to meet the needs of the batting manufacturer.

Ms. Scheers gave an overview of the CPSC Infant Suffocation Project and a general discussion of the work at the two CPSC laboratories followed. This led to an open discussion concerning the polyester fiber and batting industries. Several topics were discussed including marketing and manufacturing issues.

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