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LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F15.22 for Toy Safety

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 1996

PLACE: 200 Fifth Ave. Club
New York, NY

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ES JEP

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ES

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

David Miller, TMA Chairman
Elaine Besson, EHB Consulting
Edward Charkey, Am. Insurance
Malcolm Denniss, Hasbro
Lindsay Harris, Fisher-Price
Jeffrey Lipko, Inchcape Testing
Nancy MacPherson, Lego
Steve Ryan, Craft House Corp.
Jim Walter, Mattel

Elizabeth Borelli, TMA
Diane Bové, Tyco
Joel Crain, J & J Consulting
Mark Evanko, ACTS Testing Lab.
Wayne Keller, ACTS Testing
Aaron Locker, TMA Counsel
Frank Olbrych, Lego
Eric Tarnow, CTW

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The purpose of the meeting was to resolve several negative votes cast in a January 1996 ballot of revisions to the ASTM F963 toy safety standard.

A negative vote on Item 1 submitted by Theo Sweeney objected to the exemption of soft toys from the requirement at 4.36 and stated that 4.36.1 was weak because the toys should be tested wet to simulate the "teflon" condition in a child's mouth. A negative on Item 2 also stated that pom-poms should be tested in a wet condition and also should be tested if they do not detach from the main body of a product. The negatives were both ruled non-persuasive.

A negative from Michael Siegal was ruled non-persuasive because it appeared he misunderstood the purpose of the illustrations of pre-school play figures.

A negative from Robert Stiehler was ruled non-persuasive because he did not have rationale for objecting to the heavy elements requirements.

A negative from Richard Koch on Item 4 stated that it was not clear that the toys being tested were not subject to use and abuse tests. The negative was ruled non-persuasive but a clarification may be made at the time of the next revision to the F963 standard.

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Mr. Robert Little voted negative because he believed the signal word in Item 4 should be Danger rather than Warning. He was ruled non-persuasive because the warnings are in a Federal mandatory standard.

Before the meeting adjourned, Mr. Miller stated that he anticipated that the revised standard would be published in September. He also said that the next major revision of the F963 standard would be in the year 2000.

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