MEETING LOG

Date : November 27, 1995

Place : 200 Fifth Avenue

Purpose : Meeting of the ASTM F15.22 Sub-Committee

Attendees : List of Attendees To be Supplied When Received.

Submitted by : Marilyn Wind, Ph.D.

This meeting was held to address the negative votes on the revision to ASTM F963-95, the Toy Safety Voluntary Standard.

There were four negative votes on the new section on pre-school play figures. Mr. Bergman withdrew his negative after receiving clarification of some questions he had. The negatives from Ms. Pollack-Nelson, Ms. Deppa and Mr. Yarbrough were all similar; they all wanted to extend the scope of the standard. They were all ruled non-persuasive. In addition, there were a couple of comments on this section. Ms. Drago withdrew her comments. Mr. Walter wanted to change the word "intended" to "appropriate." The change could not be made because it would not be considered editorial and would thus need to be reballoted. However, it was agreed that in the rationale section there would be an explanation that the appropriateness of a toy for a particular age is considered as part of the definition of "intended." Mr. Walter also questioned whether pre-school play figures were subjected to this requirement both before and after use and abuse testing. Although it was clear that that had been the intention of the drafters of the language, the specific language so stating it had been omitted. This will be rectified in the next revision.

There was one negative vote on the new section on pompoms. Ms. Sweeney withdrew the negative. The issues she raised will be dealt with in the next revision. There were four comments on this section. Mr. Preston stated that the torque test should be removed since it didn't serve any useful function. The decision had been made to include the torque test for consistency with other parts of the voluntary standard; it was agreed to continue to do so. Ms. Deppa's comment will be dealt with in the next revision. Mr. Yarbrough's comment was noted but the group did not agree with him that this requirement was too product specific. Mr. Walter suggested a wording change to clarify this section. It will be put in if ASTM allows it as an editorial change.

The sections on the revision to the heavy metal requirements, battery marking, and clarification of the flammability requirements had no negative votes or comments.

The section on the revision to accommodate the Mandatory

Child Safety Protection Act requirements had three comments. The required changes will be made to make the Voluntary standard consistent with the mandatory requirement.

The section on additional miscellaneous changes had one negative vote. There was agreement that Ms. Deppa was correct and that an example was given that didn't belong in that section. It will be removed. Since it was to be fixed by making an editorial change, it was deemed a non-persuasive vote.

All the negative votes and comments were dealt with. In a week to ten days all the editorial changes will be made and all the revisions and amendments will be sent to ASTM. It will take about a month from the time they receive it for the ASTM to send it out concurrently for full committee and Society ballot. It is anticipated that if there are no negative votes at that level, the voluntary standard will be final by February or March.

We then discussed issues for the next revision. Early March there will be a full Sub-Committee meeting. David Miller will be appointing work groups to deal with some of the comments and issues raised at this meeting, to clarify the battery requirements, and to deal with acoustic requirements for toys. Acoustic requirements are receiving attention in Europe.