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MEETING LOG

Date : May 24, 1995
 Place : 200 Fifth Avenue
 Purpose : Meeting of the ASTM F15.22 Sub-Committee
 Attendees : List of Attendees Attached
 Submitted by: Marilyn Wind, Ph.D. *mw*

David Miller, Chairman of F15.22 discussed the parameters for the 1996 revision of ASTM963, the Toy Safety Voluntary Standard. He stated that this was not a major revision and would only address three issues raised by Chairman Ann Brown of the Consumer Product Safety Commission and other major issues.

Betsy Borrelli, F15.22 Secretary, made a presentation on the ASTM process and stated that there was money available to subvent consumers and encourage their participation; even with the available money it is difficult to get consumers to participate.

The Arts and Creative Materials Institute raised an issue of what requirements of the voluntary standard arts and crafts materials should be subjected to. In an effort to incorporate the requirements of LHAMA, the exemption for arts and crafts materials was deleted. This makes arts and crafts materials subject to all the other requirements of the voluntary standard. It was agreed that this was not the intention. Wording to address this issue will be developed.

Chairman Ann Brown had requested that the voluntary standards group address three issues: 1) string length on toys for young children; 2) pompoms; and 3) small toy figures. Malcolm Denniss, Chairman of the Work Group dealing with these issues, stated that the Work Group had concluded that the requirement for string length should not be changed. The Sub-Committee voted in favor of this recommendation.

Mr. Denniss further reported that aside from one comment from Shelly Deppa about an incorrect reference, none of the other comments required immediate action. The Sub-Committee concurred with this conclusion.

There was much discussion on the proposed new requirement for pompoms. Some wording changes were proposed including specifying that the requirement addressed pompoms on toys intended for children under three. It was agreed that language should be used indicating that the torque and tension test be used on toys with pompoms. If the pompom were liberated after this test it would then be subjected to the small ball fixture. The Sub-Committee voted to accept the pompom requirement with the recommended revisions.

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The proposed requirement for small play figures was discussed at great length. There was agreement that this requirement should be separated from any other similar requirements and should stand on its own. A suggestion was made to subject small toy figures to the rattle gauge (1.68 inches) rather than a new 1.5 inch test gauge. Questions were raised about defining rigid and semi-rigid. The Sub-Committee instructed the Work Group to continue to work with modifying the draft requirement based upon the discussion.

Jerry Rasor, Chairman of the Work Group on Battery Operated Toys, described which of the comments received his group felt were non-persuasive, which were inappropriate, and which should be deferred until the next major revision. The Sub-Committee voted to concur with the Work Group on their characterization of the comments. New wording was then suggested by the Work Group for battery compartment marking. The language suggested was agreed to by the Sub-Committee.

Joel Crain, Chairman of Work Group 3, distributed proposed revisions to the voluntary standard based on new CPSC, LHAMA, and European heavy metal requirements. There was not sufficient time for discussion so this issue was postponed until the next meeting.

PRESENT:

David A. Miller, Toy Manufacturers of America, Inc. - Chairman
Aaron Locker, Locker Greenberg & Brainin - TMA General Counsel
Elizabeth Borrelli, Toy Manufacturers of America, Inc. - Secretary
Anthony Arena, Good Housekeeping Institute
David C. Bergman, Processed Plastic Co.
Elaine H. Besson, EHB Consulting Ltd.
John Costello, Buddy L
Joel Crain, J&J Consulting
Mark Davis, Gerry Baby Products Co.
Malcolm Denniss, Hasbro, Inc.
Debbie Fanning, Arts and Creative Materials Institute
Mary Fritz, Mattel Toys
Tony Ferraro, Milton Bradley
John C. Fusi, JCF Research Associates, Inc.
Lindsay Harris, Fisher-Price, Inc.
Jeff Lipko, Inchcape Testing
John A. Luzzi, United States Testing Company, Inc.
James Manzari, Gund
Kenneth Marcus, Dolly Inc.
Nancy MacPherson, Lego Systems, Inc.
Rachel Murray, Lewis Galoob, Inc.
Martin J. Neville, Neville, Peterson & Williams
Frank Olbrych, Lego Systems, Inc.
Jerry Rasor, Tyco Toys, Inc.
Marcie Ridenour, Temple University
Louann Spirito, Associated Merchandising Corp.
Daniel Stool, Inchcape Testing
Eric Tarnow, Children's Television Workshop
Celestine Trainor, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
James Walter, ACTS Testing Labs, Inc.
Marilyn Wind, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission