

CPSC PUBLIC MEETING LOG:
UPHOLSTERED FURNITURE

Meeting Between: CPSC staff and interested members of the public

Date of Meeting: June 18-19, 2002

Meeting Site: CPSC Headquarters, East-West Towers, Bethesda, MD

Log Entry By: Dale R. Ray, Project Mgr., EC, (301) 504-0962 x1323 

Participants: Acting Chairman Thomas H. Moore
Commissioner Mary S. Gall
Various CPSC staff members
About 100 outside attendees (see attached agenda / presentation roster and attendee list)

Summary:

This meeting was requested by the CPSC staff to discuss options for addressing upholstered furniture flammability. The focus of the discussion was the draft small open flame standard and supporting materials developed by the staff and presented in an October 2001 Commission briefing package (available on-line at www.cpsc.gov or through CPSC's Office of the Secretary). Presentations at the meeting also covered recent industry activities, technical data and innovations related to the small open flame performance of upholstered furniture. Nineteen representatives of government, fire safety and industry organizations presented information at the meeting. A videotape of the entire meeting and printed copies of each presentation (as well as additional written submissions not presented at the meeting) are also available from CPSC's Office of the Secretary.

After a brief welcome and summary of the agency's activities by Ms. Elder and Mr. Ray of the CPSC staff, the participants made oral presentations on their respective topics. The staff and Commissioners asked questions after each presentation. The staff invited any interested parties to submit additional comments or recommendations to CPSC by July 18, 2002.

The meeting participants discussed several aspects of the CPSC staff's draft standard, including technical and economic issues involving product and materials design, testing methods and compliance issues, costs and benefits, chemical safety and other points. Many expressed their opinions about the status of voluntary industry activities, ongoing work to develop a new standard in California, and how the Commission should proceed in the context of these other activities. Some favored Commission regulation; others opposed further CPSC action. The CPSC staff will review the extensive information presented at the meeting as the staff considers recommendations to the Commission on upholstered furniture flammability.

Attachments


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AGENDA

Tuesday, June 18

Morning session: 10:00 - 12:00

- Welcome and Opening Remarks: J. Elder, D. Ray
- National Association of State Fire Marshals: D. Bliss
- California Bureau of Home Furnishings: J. McCormack
- American Furniture Mfrs. Association: A. Counts
- Upholstered Furniture Action Council: J. Ziolkowski

Afternoon session: 2:00 - 4:00

- Alliance for the Polyurethanes Industry: K. Reimann, A. Grand
- National Cotton Council: P. Wakelyn
- Fire Retardant Chemicals Association: R. Rose
- Akzo-Nobel Chemical Company: W. Gentit

Wednesday, June 19

Morning session: 9:00 - 12:00

- American Textile Manufacturers Institute: H. Truslow
 - Quaker Fabrics of Fall River: D. Pettey
 - Weave, Inc.: R. Berkley
- Joan/Mastercraft Fabrics: L. Tomerlin
- Culp, Inc.: D. Bell

Afternoon session 1:00 - 3:00 (if necessary)

- McKinnon-Land Fabric Company: F. Land
- INDA, Association of the Nonwovens Industry: C. Comelio
- Decorative Fabrics Association/Coalition of Converters of Decorative Fabrics
 - Calico Corners, Inc.: J. Jessup
 - Kravet, Inc.: C. Kravet
 - Covington Industries, Inc.: R. Gilmartin

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