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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM F15.06 Non-Powdered Airguns Sub-Committee

PLACE: ASTM Headquarters, West Conshohocken, PA [9:00 AM]

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: James A. DeMarco, Compliance Officer, CRC

DATE OF MEETING: October 29, 1998

DATE OF MEMO: November 2, 1998

US CPSC ATTENDEE: James A. DeMarco, CRC

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

John Blair, ASTM Sub-Committee Chairman

Kathie Morgan, ASTM F15 Manager

Sharon Lincoln, Non-Powdered Gun Manufacturers Association

Leonard Pickett, Crosman Corp.

Mary Groom, Crosman Corp.

Adam Blalock, Daisy Mfg. Co.

Robert Sanders, Daisy Mfg. Co.

John Ford, Daisy Mfg. Co.

Bill Dworzan, Marksman Products

Robert Eck, Marksman Products

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

John Blair, Chaired the meeting since Mr. James Jereckos' retirement from Crosman Airguns over a year ago. The last meeting of this Sub-Committee was July 18, 1995. Mr. Blair explained that an ASTM Voluntary Standard must be reviewed every 5 years at minimum and changed every 8 years or it will be 'dropped' as a voluntary standard. Since the last changes to F589 and F590 were in 1992, this standard is in jeopardy of being dropped as an industry voluntary standard in the year 2000.

The issues for discussion were outlined by Mr. Blair; over an above those topic in the Agenda; as 1) Discuss issues in a letter from R.E. Little, a plaintiff expert and professor at University of Michigan, the letter is dated October 14, 1998 with an attachment titled - "Proposed Revisions for F-589-92: R.E. Little"; 2) Discuss a US CPSC letter from Colin Church (July 31, 1998) regarding discussion of issues raised in a meeting of July 18, 1995 attended by George Rutherford, ESHF, US CPSC; and finally, 3) Review current F589-92 and F590-92 for revision and changes with ballot vote to follow.

In general, the meeting was dominated (in vote and discussion) by industry members, totaling nine (9), one association (NPGMA) member, and myself, the only CPSC representative. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Bill Dworzan of Crosman Corp. the sub-committee's new chairman.

The following issues were discussed, voted on, approved, improved, or no action taken:

- **Require packaging to be marked for "experienced or inexperienced" shooter. The group felt this was not well defined and would only confuse consumers. No action taken.**
- **Warning on packaging of multi-pump guns to be marked for "experienced or inexperienced" shooters. Same as above. No action taken.**
- **Require two pair of safety goggles to be placed in each gun packaging. Cost prohibitive; no guarantee they are to be used; and current instructions and packaging materials recommend use of "protective eye-wear". Vote with addition to standard on "protective eye-wear recommended". Unanimous. CPSC to gather further updated injury data on user vs. bystanders.**
- **Provide data for maximum penetration of BB or pellet into human flesh, on multi-pump guns. No action taken. Confusing to consumers and not well defined.**
- **Require a trigger pull weight of no less than 5 lbs. Vote with increase to 3 lbs trigger pull weight from the current 2 lbs trigger pull. Added to standard. Unanimous.**
- **Require a minimum 5 lbs of force to engage and disengage safety. No current requirement. No action taken. With a difficult safety engagement this may discourage use of safety by youthful users.**
- **Eliminate gravity feed system on multi-pump guns. No action taken. It was pointed out that multi-pump guns are considered the most powerful and this is incorrect.**
- **Use of ANSI Z535 labeling standard on all packaging, precise and mandatory. No action taken, since ANSI is currently used as guideline on labeling.**
- **Consider getting major retailers on the sub-committee, i.e. Sears, Penney's, K-Mart, Walmart. John Blair to write letter to retailer contacts he has in his ASTM membership lists.**
- **Manufacturers to bring for review all training materials etc., which are placed in gun packaging. Crosman and Marksmen both had materials. CPSC requested**

materials from all 3 manufacturers. Currently, a new "Safe Shooters" campaign is in the works with posters etc. which is being done in conjunction with Safe Kids, 4H, The Boy Scouts, etc.

- Change to F589 part 10.3.1.1 to eliminate "pound" or to add "customary english" for clarity and understanding. To be decided by ballot vote.

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