

**MEETING LOG  
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT: ASTM F15 Subcommittee Meetings on Juvenile Products**

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**MEETING SUMMARY: See attached**

## **Fall 2008 ASTM F 15 Juvenile Product Subcommittee Meetings**

Twenty three meetings were held at ASTM headquarters during the week of October 27 – 30, 2008. The following is a summary of the different meetings:

### **Bed Rails**

The last version of the standard was published in June 2008. The revision includes a change to the mattress density requirement. The breakage test requirement was held back to resolve a negative and that version should be published by Dec 2008.

Design guidelines were circulated and are still being evaluated as a stand alone standard for lots of products.

### **High Chairs**

Latest version of the standard is anticipated to be approved and published in November 2008.

Ballot 08-10 results were reviewed - comments only received. This ballot deals with the test harness and leg/foot probes for the tray latch requirements.

### **Sling Carriers**

The incident data and a draft standard were reviewed. Task groups were assigned to look at the various performance requirements: dynamic/static testing, warnings/literature, positioning.

### **Soft and Frame Carriers**

The revised standard for soft carriers (revised to include an alternate leg opening test) was approved in March 2008 and published in April 2008.

New ballot items/results were reviewed (ballot 08-10). There were three ballots for each soft and frame carrier. No negatives received, just comments that are all editorial.

### **Bouncers**

Toy Bar requirement and forward stability task group reviewed their activity. Both proposals set forth by the task groups will be sent out to ballot.

### **Toddler Beds**

The standard was revised and the new proposed draft was reviewed. The revision includes the addition of the fish probe figure, an entrapment warning, and a change to the entrapment test requirement, as a result of the incident death reviewed last time. This requirement now requires the mattress support (and the end structure) to be tested with a torso probe, without the mattress in place.

The task group will make a few more changes that came up at the meeting and will get it to ASTM to go out for ballot before the next meeting.

### **Changing Tables**

Latest standard was approved and published in August 2008. It contained revisions for the warnings on the packaging and a rationale for the barrier test.

Contour Pad task group – A small task group was established to work on exact wording for a requirement.

### **Play Yards/Non-Full Size Cribs**

The ballot items were reviewed, some passed and will go into the standard, others had comments or negatives that need to be dealt with.

### **Commercial Cribs**

The new standard was balloted and will be published Dec 2008.

Evacuation cribs task group –An exemption for some cribs regarding the requirements for large wheels was requested by the Day Care Industry. The issue was raised regarding the need for a warning label for cribs that do not meet these requirements that clearly states “This crib is not to be used as an evacuation crib”.

### **Full Size Cribs**

Results from ballot 08-07 reviewed. The ballot deals with the location of the warning label. Negatives received from several bedding manufacturers regarding the wording used, even though this was not what was balloted. A task group was established to come up with a final proposal for the wording.

Slat assembly guidelines ballot – Negatives were either withdrawn or found to be non-persuasive, thus the new guideline should move forward.

Crib hardware task group – Will continue working to develop new ideas and avenues.

Miss-assembly task group - Will continue working to develop new wording and requirements.

New Business – wood slat issue. Staff’s August 2008 letter was reviewed and Al Kaufman from Toys R Us reviewed their new requirements expected for all crib suppliers.

Paint Adhesion – Retailers came to JPMA because they have seen an increase in problems. CPSC has also seen these. Details about the ASTM paint adherence standard will be obtained to review at the next meeting.

### **Infant Bedding**

The revised standard, to include new warnings language, was approved and published August 2008.

Sleep Positioners Task Group – A discussion of different types and a review of the incident data occurred. A suggestion was made that JPMA contact manufacturers who make these products and ask them to attend the next meeting.

Extra requirements for infant bedding? A recommendation was made to form a task group to start with bumpers and see if there are additional requirements that could be added.

### **Bassinets/Cradles**

Fabric detachment task group presented a summary of IDIs and the proposed requirement was reviewed. This is a push test on fabric to ensure it does not come loose or somehow create entrapment gaps. Other proposals, such as fabric shall not be used as the sole means of support were also proposed. Work continues.

### **Bed Side Sleepers**

A draft standard was reviewed and discussed. Several issues still need to be worked on and the task groups will continue with that work.

### **Folding Chairs**

Static Load Task Group – The group is still working on recommendations.

The ASTM toy standard is in the process of working to exclude chairs from their standard.

### **Bath Tubs**

The new standard has been approved but not yet published – it is expected before the end of the year.

A task group was formed to look at the issue of slip resistance.

### **Bath Seats**

The subcommittee reviewed the incident data and ballot results.

CPSC staff reviewed the CPSIA requirements and that bath seats will be one of the two first products to be regulated. A solicitation for information regarding the adequacy of the ASTM standard, and for any questions or concerns was made to the Subcommittee.

### **Strollers**

Ballot results reviewed – Test surface proposed change, Impact Test proposed change, and Passive Containment proposed change.

Car Seat Attachment Impact Test task group – proposals were discussed but too many concerns left unanswered. The task group will continue to work on the issues.

### **Booster Seats**

JPMA Certification program started in Sept 2008. Three certified firms so far for.

Warning Statements Task Group – A few changes and clean ups were proposed. The changes will be sent out to ballot.

The Attachment to Adult Chair task group will continue working and review the new incident data and look at vertical gap openings, seat back distance and leg openings.

#### **Stationary Activity Centers**

The Ballot results, regarding a stability requirement for SAC's that are suspended by springs, were reviewed.

#### **Hand Held Infant Carriers**

The latest ballot, to revise the handle test to increase the weight to what the seat is rated for, passed. A December 2008 approval for the revised standard is anticipated.

Handle Integrity Test Task Group – work continuing on these requirements.

#### **Walkers**

CPSC staff reviewed the CPSIA requirements and outlined that walkers are one of the first two products to be assessed for a regulation. A solicitation for information regarding the adequacy of the ASTM standard, and for any questions or concerns was made to the Subcommittee.

Walker Table Test Task Group – Proposals for round robin testing were presented and testing is scheduled to be completed before the next meeting.

#### **Infant Swings**

The ballot results regarding swing marking and labeling were reviewed.

#### **Gates and Enclosures**

The task group on adults and older children injuries reported.

The push out test requirements were reviewed to explore possible revisions to the current requirement.

**Next Meetings are scheduled for March 16-19, 2008. The start time will be 8:00am on Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>.**