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MEETING SUMMARY: See Attached

ASTM F15 Subcommittee Meetings March 16 through 19, 2009

Monday March 16, 2009

High Chairs –

The revised high chair standard, F 404-08 was approved Nov 2008. This revision covers an update to the restraints requirements, interpretation issues, openings on the side of high chairs, rationale for the wedge block, adding a test harness and the leg/foot probe test.

Task Groups Reported: Single/Double Action Task Group and Restraint Assembly Task Group.

CPSC Incident data was reviewed. Based on the review, a suggestion was made to look at the restraint requirements again. A task group established to look at kids climbing out of high chairs.

Strollers -

The revised stroller standard, F 833-08 was approved Dec 2008. It included a revision to the impact test method and the test surface used in requirement 4.1.

Ballot results were reviewed. The ballot dealt with:

- updating the passive containment restraint system and will be included in the next update of the standard;
- limiting the scope to not include children's vehicles or similar wheeled product that have handle for caregivers.

Task Groups Reported: Front Stability Test task Group, Definition of Carriage Task Group, Impact Test Task Group and Anchorage Points Task Group – the test was revised to make sure the critical point is defined as the junction between the strap and the seat, not the anchor point. The revision was approved and will go on the next ballot.

CPSC Incident data was reviewed. Based on the review and the number of stroller/car accidents, the question "Should there be reflective surfaces required?" was asked.

Bed Rails –

The revised bed rail standard, F2085-08a (revision for bed rail breakage, test mattress 1 tolerance) was approved December 2008.

Ballot results, regarding letter size in the warnings and a revision to the introduction were reviewed. It will be forwarded to ASTM for inclusion in the standard.

A review of the CPSC incident data resulted in the formation of a task group to look at locking mechanisms and failures.

Bassinets and Cradles -

The Fabric Detachment task group presented the proposed requirement to include testing for spacing requirements when product is in the intended use position and foreseeable use conditions, which is defined as any arrangement of fabric that is perceived to support a child. This requirement will go out to ballot.

The Mobile Requirements task group recommended that mobiles intended to only be used as part of the bassinet do not need a warning label on them.

A task group established to look at the CPSC data regarding deaths due to added bedding. CPSC staff to participate.

A task group to look at rocking incidents was established. CPSC staff to participate.

Bedside Sleepers –

The new proposed standard was circulated and comments were reviewed.

The Testing Task Group is tasked with evaluating the separation force between product and mattress. A test procedure was discussed.

Changing Tables –

Ballot results were reviewed dealing with contoured changing pads.

Straps on changing tables task group recommended no changes to the standard to require them.

Warning and weight limit task group recommended to keep the warnings conspicuous.

Crib top changing tables are new product with no requirements. A task group was initiated to review. CPSC staff to participate.

Toddler Beds -

Ballot results were reviewed dealing with adding the entrapment probe test and warnings and other misc items. These changes essentially make the openings requirement tested without the mattress on the bed. The new requirements will be added to the standard.

Tuesday March 17, 2009

Play yards/NFS cribs-

A new revision for the play yard standard, F406-08a was approved in September 2008 and includes a revision for strap definition, an exclusion for inflatable products and misc. other issues.

A ballot to update the standard to contain metric dimensions was reviewed. It was decided additional work was needed.

A task group was established to look at the attachment openings or displacement test. The language in the standard is not clear in that “attachment” means both the product and the junction. The intent is that even products that rest on top need to be tested. CPSC staff to participate in the task group.

Full Size Cribs –

A task group was established to review all the warnings. CPSC staff to participate.

The Wooden Slat Breakage task group gave a report. There is still much work to be done before proposing new requirements. CPSC staff to participate in the task group.

Side Assembly task group made a proposal that will limit the use of drop sides. The proposed requirement would require all four vertical sides to be fixed up to 20”. This will allow for some designs such as drop gates. It was voted to send this proposal out to ballot.

The Hardware Task Group did not make any presentation due to the advances of the side assembly task group. Loosening screws and broken plastic are some of hardware issues still remaining and the task group will focus on that.

The mis-assembly task group also deferred to the new proposed side assembly requirements.

Paint Adhesion task group discussed the ASTM standard for adhesion, F3359.

Infant Bedding –

The bumpers task group presented a proposal to hire a contractor to assess and analyze data associated with bumper pads.

Standardizing Sleep Positioners was discussed. The consensus was that this was not part of infant bedding subcommittee but should still be pursued.

The incident data review showed that there were more than 250 fatalities since 2002 regarding various bedding being used in cribs or bassinets.

Commercial Cribs –

The new standard for commercial cribs, F2710-08 was approved in December 2008.

It was proposed to allow an exemption to the evacuation requirement that every commercial crib be designed to meet the evacuation requirements. This will be sent out to ballot.

The Wood Screw task group will review test proposals. CPSC staff to participate.

Wednesday March 18, 2009

General Juvenile Products Standard –

The draft standard was compiled from the Toy standard, and is intended to cover products that do not have a current standard. Discussions were held regarding the need for this standard and whether it serves a purpose.

Infant Bath Tubs-

The new standard was approved in February 2009 but not yet published.

Bath Seats-

The revised standard, F1967-08a was approved in Nov 2008. It contains revisions making it consistent with the bath tub standard.

CPSC staff updated the committee members on CPSIA status and that an NPR is due August 14th and the regulation would be enacted by Jan 14, 2010.

Health Canada provided an update on the draft of their governmental review on baby seats. It will be posted online in April 2009. Currently, it appears that most of the comments they have gotten support a ban.

Baby Walkers

The Stair Test Task Group Report provided results of the Round Robin Testing. More work is needed. CPSC staff is participating in the task group.

CPSC staff updated the committee members on CPSIA status and that an NPR is due August 14th and the regulation would be enacted by January 2010.

A discussion on parking breaks continued – are they effective considering that some children can pick up the walkers (if braked) and still move the unit? A motion was made to consider adding a parking brake performance requirement to the standard for any units that have parking brakes, but that brakes were not required for the product. The task group will look at the EN or the work being done in the SAC group regarding a motility performance requirement. CPSC staff to participate in the task group.

Slings-

The subcommittee reviewed the draft standard. The discussion centered around any technical requirements, warnings, format, etc.

Soft and Frame Carriers-

The revision of the soft carrier standard, F2236-08a was approved in Nov 2008. It included a warning revision, deleted the model # requirements and added toy accessories requirements.

The revision of the frame carrier standard F2549-08 was also approved Nov 2008. It covered kickstands, toy accessories and unintentional folding.

The subcommittee reviewed the ballot results (one on soft carriers and one for frame carriers) and they will go to ASTM for approval and publication.

Gates and Enclosures-

Injury data presented showed an analysis of NEISS data and the number of injuries to non-children, but there was no agreement to change the scope to cover adults. CPSC staff offered to propose a special study at CPSC to look at the data, the type of gates being used, etc.

Push out test requirements were reviewed to clean up the language of the test requirement. It will go out to ballot.

Thursday March 19, 2009

Bouncers –

The main committee ballot regarding requirements for toy bars was reviewed. Negatives were received thus the task group will go back to revisit the issues dealing with the negatives.

The Forward Stability Task Group discussed the testing and whether or not falls from elevated surfaces are related to forward stability. CPSC staff offered to propose a special study to look at NEISS incidents involving falls.

A proposal to change the definition of the word conspicuous from “visible when standing near the product” to “sitting near the product” was made and agreed to be sent out to ballot.

New Business – bouncer/rocker products. Should they be handled under the standard or a new standard? First, we need a clear definition of the product. CPSC staff was requested to supply data on these products for the next meeting.

Booster Seats –

The ballot results (revision of the labeling requirement and restraint systems) were reviewed.

Folding Chairs –

The ballot results for a revision of the scissoring and locking device requirements were reviewed. It will go to ASTM for approval and publishing.

Static Load Task Group proposed new requirements that will go out to ballot.

Hand Held Carriers –

A revision to the hand held carrier standard, F2050-08 was approved in Dec 2008. It included an increase for the handle load in the handle integrity test.

The Handle Integrity Task Group reviewed the proposed revisions to the auto-locking handle test. The wording will be cleaned up and then go out to ballot. The task group also reviewed the dynamic test results done by CPSC staff. The task group will continue to work on developing a requirement.

Stationary Activity Centers –

The revision of the stationary activity center standard, F2012-08 was approved in November 2008. It includes a requirement for the stability of non saucer type products.

The task group regarding units that can rotate around a central post discussed proposed requirements.