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LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: American Association of Textile Chemists & Colorists (AATCC) Committee Meetings; USA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for ISO/TC38-Textiles Meeting

DATE OF MEETING: November 6-7, 2001

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Baltimore, Maryland

CPSC ATTENDEES: Allyson Tenney, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: AATCC members and interested parties

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The AATCC Committee Meetings took place at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. The Flammability Technology Committee featured Mr. Ronald Dombrowski of Techtex Solutions, Inc. who spoke about flame retardant finishes and coatings relating to the textile industry.

The committees on Professional Textile Care and Home Laundering Technology also featured a guest speaker. Mr. Sten-Hakan Almstrom of Electrolux Wasacator-Sweden presented *CO₂ Cleaning-A Cleaning Process for the Future* and *The FOM Laboratory Reference Machine for Washing*, respectively. Further discussion of CO₂ Cleaning took place after the presentation. After discussing home laundering machines, the Home Laundering Technology Committee proposed the development of an AATCC Liquid Standard Detergent. The development of a liquid standard detergent would provide a testing option representative of typical consumer use since liquid detergents have become more commonly used than powder detergents. A new Liquid Standard Detergent would be offered in addition to the AATCC Powder Standard Detergent and would not be intended to replace it.

The committee on Fiber Analysis discussed current labeling laws for fiber content. Ms. Carol Jennings and Ms. Connie Vecellio from The Federal Trade Commission presented the group with information on fiber content labeling issues and legal requirements. Several other committees also featured guest speakers during their meetings on printing technologies, spectrometry, UV textiles and the testing of elastomeric fabrics.



In conjunction with the AATCC Committee Meetings, the USA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for ISO/TC38-Textiles held their annual meeting. The group reviewed the TAG membership and list of experts and voted to approve the proposal for the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to join the TAG. The group discussed the periodic review of ISO standards, procedures for determining meeting delegates, and a revision to the bylaws. Secretariat reports from Subcommittees held by the USA and meeting reports from plenary, subcommittee and working groups were presented. The next meeting of the USA TAG for ISO/TC38 will be held November, 2002.