

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: ASTM E5.15 Subcommittee on Fire Tests, Furnishings and Contents

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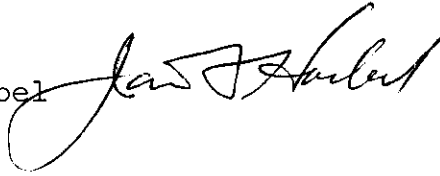
NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Tom Fritz, Armstrong
Bob Barker, Amer. Fiber Manuf. Assoc.
Larry Bradford, Akzo Nobel
Dick Bukowski, NIST
Handley Fincher, Drexel Heritage
Herman Forsten, duPont
John Hall, NFPA
Marcelo Hirschler, GBH Int'n.
Eric Hundley, SGS US Testing
Russell Kidder, Fire Retardant Chem. Assoc.
John Krasny, retired
Randy Lawson, NIST
Steve Lewandowski, Bayer
Frank McGarry, Nat'l. Assoc. of State Fire Marshals
John Michener, Millikin
Dallas Pinion, Brown & Williamson
Robert Porter, Amoco
Kurt Reimann, BASF
David Ryan, Craftex
Bob Strength, consultant
Phil Stricklen, Amoco
Hugh Talley, consultant
Jerry Whidby, Philip Morris
Jim Williams, Knoll
Joe Ziolkowski, Amer. Furniture Manuf. Assoc.

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Dale Ray, EC
Linda Fansler, LSEL
James F. Hoebel, ES

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SUMMARY:

The E5.15 agenda included discussions on Fire Hazard Assessment of Upholstered Furniture, Open Flame Ignition of Upholstered Furniture, Stacking Chairs/Upholstered Furniture (Large Scale), Small Scale Tests of Upholstered Furniture, and Mattresses.

CPSA 6 (b)(7) Cleared

No Mfrs/PrvtLbrs or
Products Identified

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The Fire Hazard Assessment topic concerned a draft guide for furniture found in patient rooms. The task group chairman, Dr. Hirschler, reviewed the results of the recent ballot vote (there were sufficient votes to approve the document), comments submitted by subcommittee members, and changes made to the draft as a result. There was considerable discussion about the general approach taken: whether the guide should focus on the furniture item or be rewritten as a guide for all items found in a patient room. The chairman will prepare another draft based on the discussion and recirculate for another ballot vote.

The chairman of the open-flame task group, Dr. Reimann, noted that this new task group has not progressed beyond their formation, since they believe that the results of CPSC's field investigations are needed before they can proceed. At Dr. Reimann's request, Mr. Ray reviewed the status of the CPSC project to develop a standard for open-flame ignition of furniture. The subcommittee was interested in the substance and timing of any activities that would occur if the Commission decided to proceed with a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The involvement of commercial furniture in fires, and whether such furniture should be covered by any standard was raised. After considerable discussion, the subcommittee agreed that the task group should identify and review existing candidate test methods.

The task group on stacking chairs/furniture is planning round robin interlaboratory tests on ASTM standards E 1822 on stacking chairs and E 1537 on upholstered furniture. Progress was reviewed by Mr. Talley.