LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: Meeting of ANSI Z90.4 Bicycle Helmet Standard Committee

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Scott Heh, ESME

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Dr. William Liu-NHTSA (DOT), Dean Fisher-Bell Sports Inc., Dr. William Chilcott-Snell Memorial Foundation, Dr. Channing Ewing-Z90.4 Committee Chairman, Ed Becker-Snell Memorial Foundation, Randy Swart-Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute.

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The group discussed plans of action regarding the ANSI Z90.4-1984 bike helmet standard that was withdrawn as an ANSI standard on Dec. 31, 1994. Options included (1) do nothing, allow the standard to remain withdrawn (2) resubmit the Z90.4-84 standard for renewal as a 1995 ANSI standard, (3) revise Z90.4-84 and submit the revised standard to ANSI for approval to reactivate the Z90.4 standard with a 1995 revision, (4) explore the possibility of ANSI adopting the ASTM F 1447 bike helmet standard as an ANSI/ASTM standard.

The group decided that some form of ANSI Z90.4 should be submitted to ANSI for approval. The main reasons for this is that many state and local bike helmet laws specifically reference that children must wear ANSI or Snell approved helmets and that many manufacturers are still certifying helmets to the ANSI standard.

I told the group that the CPSC will consider the 1984 version of Z90.4 to be an acceptable interim mandatory standard until the final CPSC standard takes effect. I said that if Z90.4 is revised before the CPSC standard is finalized, it is likely that the Commission would consider it an acceptable interim mandatory standard.

The group decided to send out a revised ANSI Z90.4 standard to the Z90.4 Committee for approval. The revised standard will be sent out with a cover letter explaining the revisions in the proposed Z90.4 standard and how it will compare to other voluntary standards.

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