LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM Subcommittee F15.22 for Toy Safety.

DATE: August 2, 1994 PLACE: 200 Fifth Avenue Club
New York, NY.

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ESME

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:
John Preston, ESME Marilyn Wind, HSPS

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:
David Miller, President, TMA Elizabeth Borelli, TMA
Aaron Locker, Counsel, TMA Paul Ware, Safety First, Inc.
Joe Wilkerson, Roadmaster Frank Olbrych, Lego Systems
Kenneth Marcus, Dolly, Inc. Nancy MacPherson, Lego Systems
Diane Bové, Eden Toys Eric Tarnow, C.T.W.
David Dick, ACTS Testing Labs. Tom Mazurek, ACTS Testing Labs.
Jerry Rasor, Tyco, Inc. Jeff Lipias, ITS-Labtest
Malcolm Denniss, Hasbro, Inc. John Costello, Buddy-L
Lindsey Harris, Fisher-Price David Bergman, Processed Plastic
Karl Wojahn, Mattel, Inc. Jerry Lynch, Little Tikes
John Fusi, JCF Rachel Murray, Lewis Galoob
Mary Fritz, Mattel, Inc.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:
The chairman opened the meeting by identifying those
attendees who were voting members of the ASTM F15.22
subcommittee. He said that only members with a voting privilege
could vote on issues that would be resolved at this meeting.

The chairman summarized comments that had accompanied a
negative vote cast by Meyer Rosen in the recent ASTM F15
Committee ballot of the revision of the toy safety standard. He
said that the activity to revise the standard had been ongoing
for about three years and, until the time of this ballot, nobody
had raised the issue of the inadequacy of using the wearing
apparel standard (16 CFR Part 1610) for textiles in toys. He
said he had called Mr. Rosen and requested withdrawal of the
negative vote with the understanding that the subcommittee would
examine the issue of textile flammability during the next
revision of the standard. Mr. Rosen initially agreed to this
proposal but later changed his mind. The chairman noted that the
publication of the revised standard would be delayed 2-3 weeks
because of Mr. Rosen's refusal to withdraw his negative vote.
Mr. Miller said he intended to place the subject of the toy
fabric flammability requirements on the agenda for the next F15.22 Subcommittee meeting in 1995. Meanwhile, he suggested that the negative ballot be ruled non-persuasive since it did not address any changes that were being made to the standard during this revision.

John Preston noted that during the 20 years that he had worked for CPSC he was aware of only two incidents involving toys that were alleged to present a flammability hazard and neither of these had caused a burn injury. Therefore, he said that the absence of any injury data to substantiate that the current flammability requirements are inadequate may be a reason to determine that this negative vote should be ruled non-persuasive. He said that he did not want to see the other improvements in this revision of the standard delayed because of this negative vote. A motion was approved to rule that the negative vote from Mr. Rosen was non-persuasive. This decision will be forwarded to the ASTM staff manager with a request that it be balloted by the F15 Committee.

The chairman noted that a number of comments had accompanied affirmative votes and these would be fully discussed during 1995.

There was discussion on when manufacturers should comply with the revised standard. A questionnaire had been circulated to 50 companies that represent 60-80% of the toys sold in the U.S. Responses to the questionnaire indicated that manufacturers could comply by July 1995. Major retailers will be informed of this date.

The chairman informed attendees of a request from the CPSC chairman to reexamine provisions to address choking on small figures with rounded ends and fabric components and decreasing the maximum permissible length of strings on crib toys. He said he would appoint people to chair task groups to examine these issues next week. He also said he would like to see CPSC staff represented on each of these task groups.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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