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LOG OF MEETING
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SUBJECT: Meeting of ASTM F15.40.24 Crib Section of the Juvenile Products Subcommittee

DATE OF MEETING: January 19, 1994 **PLACE:** ASTM Headquarters Philadelphia, PA

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: John Preston, ESME *JP*

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: John Preston, ESME

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Approximately 30 members of the Crib Section of the Juvenile Products Subcommittee

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The majority of the meeting entailed resolving comments accompanying two negative votes submitted in a recent F15 Committee ballot of the new standard for non-full-size cribs.

A negative ballot submitted by Shelley Deppa stated that the standard does not fully address entrapment of an infant between the mattress and side of a crib because it does not include a warning to consumers stating that the addition of a mattress other than that provided by the manufacturer could present a suffocation hazard. After much discussion, members agreed that a warning would be added requiring the following statement on a non-full-size crib:

"Suffocation Hazard - To prevent suffocation from entrapment, use only the mattress provided by the manufacturer. Never use an additional mattress or padding."

The second negative from Jerry Koziatek objected to the use of the word "unattended" in the scope (1.2) of the standard. Members agreed that this should be deleted and Section 1.2 will be reworded to use the definition of a non-full-size crib in the Federal regulation at 16 CFR Part 1509.

Comments accompanying an affirmative vote from Dorothy Drago were largely editorial changes and most were accepted.

Two comments accompanying an affirmative vote from Tim Pine were discussed. The first noted that the requirements addressing finger entrapment and pinching differed from those in the toy safety standard, ASTM F963. Members believed that the finger entrapment/pinching requirements should not be changed at this time since they are the same as similar requirements in many other ASTM standards for juvenile products. However, it was

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noted on a memory sheet that a study will be undertaken to determine if the current finger entrapment/pinching requirements are adequate or should be changed to those in the toy safety standard.

Mr. Pine also objected to the warning statement regarding attaching strings to toys in a crib. Members did not accept his suggestion that this be deleted.

A comment from Carol Pollack-Nelson suggested that examples of strings which might cause strangulation should be added. This suggestion was accepted and the following was added to the warning statement "(e.g. hood strings or pacifier cords)".

Numerous editorial changes submitted by Dr. Stiehler were discussed and most were accepted.

The chairman said he would incorporate the changes to the standard that had been approved at this meeting and circulate the revised draft prior to another ballot.

The chairman read a letter he had received from John Preston regarding a crib that had corner post extension when the fold down side was in the lowered position. The ASTM F966 standard for corner post extensions does not state whether the requirement applies only when cribs have their drop sides in the raised position. Preston's letter suggested that the requirement should apply with the drop side in either the lowered or raised position since it is possible that a consumer may leave a side in the down position. After some discussion, it was agreed that the following would be added to the F966 standard: "This requirement applies when any drop side or folding side is in either the raised or lowered position."

The next meeting will be held on March 27, 28, or 29th in New Orleans.

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