LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: ASTM Subcommittee F15.45 for Candle Products-Fire Safety Task Group

DATE OF MEETING: January 21-22, 2003

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: February 5, 2003

SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Allyson Tenney, Engineering Sciences

LOCATION: Columbus Courtyard by Marriott, Columbus, Ohio

CPSC ATTENDEES: Allyson Tenney, Engineering Sciences

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: ASTM F 15.45 Fire Safety Task Group members

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Members of the ASTM F15.45 Fire Safety Task Group (Candle Products) met at the Columbus Courtyard by Marriott.

On the first day of the meeting, representatives from several glass manufacturers attended to discuss their concerns regarding the flame height specification in the provisional standard. The glass manufacturers are particularly concerned with the flame height limit and possibility of direct flame impingement on glass containers. Task group members explained the rationale behind the specification as currently written and intention to cover as many candle types as possible with the standard. As a result of the discussions, the glass manufacturers are more comfortable with the specification as written and will not be taking any further action. The topic may be further evaluated before the provisional standard (ASTM PS 59-02 Provisional Specification for Fire Safety for Candles) is approved as a final standard within two years of publication.

After the departure of the glass manufacturers, the group continued discussions on votive candle testing and began exploring possibilities for an appropriate container for standard tests. Volume requirements and measuring techniques will be presented and discussed at the next meeting. The group also focused on possibilities for testing substrates. Group members will present possible options at the next meeting. Discussion moved on to the topic of candle accessories. A letter to interested parties is expected to go out in February in the hope of getting representation from that industry at the next meeting.

The group was informed that a representative from the USFA expressed an interest in attending the group, possibly as early as the next meeting. An update on current NASIFM activities and scheduled February meeting was also presented.

The next meeting of the task group is scheduled for March 26-27, 2003 in Columbus, Ohio.