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LOG OF MEETING

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SUBJECT: U.S. TAG for ISO TC 23, SC 17

DATE OF MEETING: March 19, 1997

PLACE: Portable Power Equipment Manufacturers Association
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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

John Murphy, ESME

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Donald Purcell	PPEMA
Robert Stegall	Echo
Dan Ericsson	Husqvarna
Ronald Loyd	Southland Engineering Systems Inc.
Pete Finnemore	John Deere
Bernie Box	Poulan/Weed Eater
Jack Ehlen	Consultant
Manfred Bortfeld	Stihl
Martin Behrendt	Dolmar
Brian McGill	PPEMA
Jeff Sadler	Poulan/Weed Eater
Edgar Wolff-Klammer	Underwriters Laboratories
Sam Cristy	Product Safety Letter
Christine Eames	Product Safety Letter

SUMMARY OF MEETING

The meeting convened at 8:00 am. The TAG reviewed and approved the minutes of the last meeting held in Bethesda on July 17, 1996, a conference call held on September 27, 1996, and another conference call on December 19, 1996.

Donald Purcell (PPEMA) made a presentation to the TAG on the last meeting of the ISO TC 23/SC 17 held in Melbourne Australia on November 12-15. The primary focus of this ISO Subcommittee is to develop international standards for chain saws and brushcutters. Mr. Purcell indicated that the development of these international standards may have significant influence on health, safety, and environmental decisions associated with the manufacture of chain saws and brushcutters all over the world. Currently the European community leads ISO standards activity. Mr Purcell indicated that the U.S. TAG needs to take a proactive

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role in the international standards process.

Gary W. Kushnier (ANSI) made a presentation to the TAG on the international standards process. Mr. Kushnier serves as Vice President, International Policy, of the American National Standards Institute. There was a discussion about how to improve the effectiveness of the TAG in ISO and American access to the European standardization process. Mr. Kushnier talked about the importance of standards organizations such as COPANT (Pan American Standards Commission) and PASC (Pacific Area Standards Congress) in the development of international standards.

The TAG reviewed several outstanding ballot issues on standards dealing with chain saw hand guards (ISO 6533), chain saw kickback (ISO 9518), and brush cutter cutting attachments (ISO 7113). Two standards under five year review were discussed. These standards deal with hand guard mechanical strength (ISO 6534) and chain catcher dimensions and mechanical strength (ISO 10726).

Several upcoming votes were discussed. Two working drafts on chain saw vibration (ISO 7505) and brushcutter vibration (7916) were discussed. One draft international standard on chain saw vocabulary (ISO 6531) was reviewed. One final draft international standard on safety requirements and testing (ISO 14740, 14865) was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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