U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Log of Meeting

SUBJECT: Teleconference with the ASTM F2057 Clothing Storage Unit Scope Task Group

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LOCATION: Teleconference

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CPSC ATTENDEES: Kristen Talcott, Suad Wanna-Nakamura

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for the full list of attendees

SUMMARY OF MEETING:
A manufacturer representative presented rationale and language for a proposed exemption for "multipurpose plastic drawer units." Their rationale was lack of known incidents with these products, inability of these products to withstand testing to the standard, and that these products are advertised for purposes other than clothing storage. The proposal defined "multipurpose plastic drawer units" as weighing less than 30 lbs.

CPSC staff shared information on known incidents involving lighter weight units: a fatal incident involving a unit with drawers removed that weighed 34 lb, a fatal incident involving a unit weighing 56 lbs, and non-fatal incidents involving units weighing 45 lbs and 31 lbs. CPSC staff also mentioned a recent non-fatal incident involving "plastic dresser" instability that caused a TV tip over that they are following-up on. At task group members' request, CPSC staff will try to share more details on these incidents with ASTM. CPSC staff cautioned that incident reports often lack product details such as weight and material.

In discussion with task group members, CSPC staff agreed that a 30 lbs exemption seems reasonable based on the currently known data. Task group members also discussed product materials, advertisement, and use. They agreed to draft language for an exemption based on weight only.

Task group members also briefly discussed that they need to have additional discussion on how to handle "bin" and "basket" units.

Next steps: the task group chair plans to add draft language exempting units 30 lbs and less from the scope of standard, with the rationale that the weight in the proposed language is based on known incidents. The task group members plan to wait to ballot the item until they review more data.