

**LOG OF MEETING
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

SUBJECT: Meeting to discuss Ad Hoc Language-recommended battery warnings

DATE OF MEETING: December 2, 2019

PLACE OF MEETING: Teleconference

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Tim Smith (ESHF)

COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Tim Smith (ESHF), Jill Hurley (ESHF)

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Kitty Pilarz, Paul Ware, & Sean Oberle

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The purpose of this meeting, led by the Chair of the Ad Hoc Language task group (“Ad Hoc TG”), Kitty Pilarz, was to discuss possible revisions to the battery-related warning and cautionary statements for Instructional Literature in the Ad Hoc Language recommendations document. The warning statements discuss the ingestion hazard associated with button or coin cell batteries and the cautionary statements discuss the burn hazard posed by leaking batteries. The Ad Hoc TG had previously discussed possible changes to these warning and cautionary statements, based on suggestions from CPSC electrical engineering staff.

The attendees discussed and agreed on the following:

- Because the Ad Hoc TG recommended language for the ingestion-related warning is the same as the language used in the ASTM toy standard, F963, the recommended warning should not be revised at this time. If CPSC staff determines that a revision to this language is appropriate, staff should propose the change to the ASTM F15.22 subcommittee on Toy Safety. If the subcommittee concludes that a revision to the warning in F963 is appropriate, then the Ad Hoc TG can update its recommendations.
- One of the precautionary statements in the caution about battery leaks, “Discard old batteries promptly in accordance with local laws and regulations,” should be replaced with the following similar precautionary statement that appears in the recommended warning about battery ingestion: “Dispose of used batteries immediately.”
- The Ad Hoc TG recommendations document should be updated to include an explanation for why the recommended cautionary and warning statements for batteries were added to the document. The Chair agreed to draft this rationale.

The meeting concluded with the Chair stating that she would send a summary of the meeting conclusions and proposed changes to the Ad Hoc TG, after review by the meeting attendees.