

US Consumer Product Safety Commission Log of Meeting

Subject: ASTM F15.10 Task Group on Gasoline Container Labeling, ASTM F839

Date: October 8, 2020

Location: Teleconference

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CPSC Attendees: Scott Ayers and Tim Smith

Non-CPSC Attendees:

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Summary of Meeting:

This was a task group meeting to discuss updating the required warning statement on gasoline containers. ASTM F839 is the voluntary standard that covers gasoline containers in the US and CSA B376 is the voluntary standard that covers gasoline containers in Canada. This task group will look at revising the required language in ASTM F839 with the goal of creating common language and pictograms that could be used in both the US and Canada.

The meeting began with CPSC staff providing comments to the proposed warning statements followed by open discussion on each comment.

- Staff suggested grouping the warning statements by hazard area, and then listing in order of importance.
- Staff is not certain that the proposed symbols fully convey the intended message to consumers, and suggested not deleting the associated text.
- Staff believes “flammable,” “toxic,” and “vapor can explode,” or variants of those phrases, should remain.
- Staff believes that some consumers will not understand what constitutes a “well-ventilated area.” The discussion also focused on locations where a gasoline container should and should not be stored and used.
- Staff provided additional comments ahead of the meeting that were not discussed due to time limitations.

The task group is in general agreement that the warning statements should be better organized and more concise, if possible. Also, the warning statements must be aligned with the US Federal Hazardous Act. Cheryl Atkinson of the PFCMA will provide a draft warning for the task group to review for the next teleconference.

The task group scheduled the next meeting for Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 11am to 12pm ET.