

US Consumer Product Safety Commission
Log of Meeting

Subject: ASTM F15.72 Subcommittee Meeting on Torch and Lamp Fuel and FMDs on Disposable Containers

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Summary of Meeting:

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This was a subcommittee meeting for ASTM F15.72. The subcommittee has three activities under its jurisdiction. They are the development of a new standard for packaging of Torch Fuel and Lamp Fuel, the recently published standard for FMDs on disposable fuel containers (ASTM F3429), and the standard for portable fireplaces (ASTM F3363). ASTM recently installed a new chair for the subcommittee.

The meeting began with discussion of three negative votes on a recent torch and lamp fuel ballot item (ASTM F15-06, item 21). Staff participated in discussion on the comments supporting the position that changes were needed based on comments. The subcommittee found the negatives persuasive and the subcommittee chair will schedule a task group meeting to discuss changes to the draft standard.

Based on the negative votes, the subcommittee also discussed an overall strategy of the subcommittee. The current draft packaging standard on torch fuel and lamp fuel covers higher-flashpoint liquids to address hazards to children involving the color and design of torch fuel and lamp fuel packaging. However, the subcommittee may want to address requirements beyond FMDs on other types of containers. The subcommittee chair will schedule another subcommittee meeting to discuss this further.

Finally, the subcommittee discussed the possibility of ASTM submitting ASTM F3429 as a National Standard of Canada (NSC). Following the discussion, the subcommittee voted to approve pursuing the NSC designation for ASTM F3429. If ASTM F3429 were approved as a NSC, it will need to be reviewed every four years.

The next meetings were not scheduled, but CPSC staff plan on participating in all future meetings.