

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: F15.21 Slings Carriers – Scope

DATE OF MEETING: 14 October 2021

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hope E J. Nesteruk, ESMC

LOCATION: Teleconference

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Hope Nesteruk, ESMC; Suad Wanna-Nakamura, HSPP

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for attendance list.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The aim of this task group is to examine and potentially redefine/clarify the scope and definitions as outlined in the F2907-19 Sling Carrier standard as market developments have changed significantly in the past 10 years. Concerns have been expressed over the past several years that the scope is unclear.

The task group chair presented a document containing several products that allowed a carry an infant in a full supine position. The group discussed that the products do not appear “sling like,” and discussed that that may fit better in F2236. CPSC staff raised that when considering revisiting the scopes of these two standards, task groups must be mindful that they do not create a loophole so that products are not covered by any standard. The group discussed considering the structure of the infant support area.

Discussion also included simulation mannequins, which brought up discussions from years ago. The task group had wanted to identify an infant simulation mannequin that would allow for a positioning test. Also, the test torso is not a perfect simulation of an adult, in terms of shape and replicating human softness, which, new task group members said result in loads/support at inappropriate places.

No consensus was reached as the group is discussing two goals that contradict each other, and there does not appear to be a solution. One side is advocating that the testing requirements are overly stringent for their type of product and do not account for newborn size and needs, while the other side does not want to reduce requirements.