



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: Meeting of the ASTM F15.79 Task Group on Beach Umbrellas

FY 23 OP PLAN ENTRY: Market Umbrellas/ Beach Umbrellas

DATE OF MEETING: September 6, 2023

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual/WebEx

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

FILING DATE: September 18, 2023

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC), Fred DeGrano (ESMC), Sharon White (ESHF)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM for the attendee list

Summary of Meeting:

The Beach Umbrellas (BU) Task Group (TG) was formed by the ASTM F15.79 Market Umbrellas Subcommittee for the purpose of developing new BU safety standards and test methods. There currently are no established safety standards for sand-mounted BUs. The primary hazard is fly-away BUs after the wind pulls the umbrellas out of the sand and sends them airborne. There are several incidents in which BUs have seriously injured beachgoers, including two deaths.

The F15.79 Market Umbrella Subcommittee level ballot on the draft Beach Umbrella Safety Standard was opened from August 1st to September 1st. During the BU TG meeting, the group began reviewing the voting results and addressing the negative comments (there were 15 affirmatives, 3 negatives with comments, and 2 abstentions with comments). CPSC staff suggested responses to comments about clarifying the scope, definitions, terminology, labeling, and the warning graphics.

Next Steps:

The next TG is September 15th to continue working on the resolution of negative comments. The group expects to resolve all the negatives before the November 2023 subcommittee meeting.