



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.79 Subcommittee on Market Umbrellas

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Market Umbrellas/ Beach Umbrellas

DATE OF MEETING: May 9, 2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Hybrid in-person at the Philadelphia Marriott Downtown and virtual WebEx option

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Andy Newens (ESMC)

FILING DATE: May 31, 2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Andy Newens (ESMC) in-person; Sharon White (ESHF) virtual

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): For the complete list of attendees, contact ASTM

Summary of Meeting:

The F15.79 Market Umbrella (MU) subcommittee was formed to develop safety standards and test methods for market and patio umbrellas that are secured in a weighted/fixed base or stanchion on solid ground. A task group was formed to develop a safety standard for beach umbrellas (BU) that are installed in or on the sand.

Market Umbrellas

There is currently no technical contact person for F3512-21 *Standard Test Method for Evaluating Wind Safety and Durability of Market Umbrellas*. An individual submitted an email to the MU subcommittee prior to the meeting, stating concerns about the requirements of F3512. These concerns will have to be addressed at the next subcommittee meeting once a technical contact for F3512 is established.

Beach Umbrellas Task Group

The new standard, F3681-24 *Standard Consumer Safety Specification for Beach Umbrellas and Anchor Devices* was published on April 1, 2024. The specifications establish minimum requirements for safely anchoring all beach umbrellas to prevent them from detaching from the sand due to windy conditions.

The task group discussed the following potential revisions to continue further development of F3681:

- An editorial correction needed for the wording on the compliance label graphics. The published version of the standard did not reflect the final wording agreed upon by the subcommittee prior to publishing.
- Proposed wording changes on the warning label text to clarify the meaning of the precautionary statements. The ASTM editor will determine whether or not the proposed changes qualify as editorial.
- Potentially adding a performance requirement to eliminate sharp edges or pointed surfaces. The group agreed to make this a future topic.
- Potentially adding a performance requirement to prevent upper/lower umbrella pole separation. The group agreed to make this a future topic.
- A proposal to add a graphic depiction of the Beaufort Scale as an Appendix. The group consensus was to not adopt this proposal.



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CPSC staff shared that they were working with the agency's communications office to publish new consumer guidance on beach umbrella safety which follows the new ASTM standard.

Next Steps:

The next scheduled virtual meeting of the BU task group is June 12, 2024. The next meeting of the MU subcommittee is in November 2024 in Orlando, Florida.