



MEETING LOG

MEETING TITLE/SUBJECT: ASTM F15.02 Task Group Meeting on Torch Lighters

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Lighters

DATE OF MEETING: 5/17/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: Virtual

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Scott Ayers

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CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Scott Ayers (ESEF) and Rik Khanna (RMG)

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Contact ASTM F15.02 for more information on this meeting

Summary of Meeting:

The ASTM F15.02 subcommittee formed a task group to consider whether torch-style lighters should be within scope of the existing ASTM standards and if new requirements for these types of lighters is needed.

Health Canada shared with the group that Vancouver, BC has banned continuous flame torch style lighters. Vancouver was experiencing issues with these lighters being used with illicit drugs. The task group discussed the issues with active discussion from CPSC staff and concluded that a new standard should be developed, and staff agreed with this plan. The task group chair will develop a high-level plan for the standard which will serve as the final report from the task group. That will conclude this task group with the recommendation to form a new task group to develop a new standard. CPSC staff pointed out that other industries, such as the culinary industry should be included since larger torch-style lighters are popular in that profession.

Next Steps:

The group will review the final report from the task group chair and participate in the new task group.