



## MEETING LOG

**SUBJECT:** ASTM F15.11 Expansion Gates and Expandable Enclosures Subcommittee Meeting

**FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY:** Gates and Expandable Enclosures

**DATE OF MEETING:** 05/22/2024, 11:30 am, ET

**LOCATION OF MEETING:** Virtual and In-Person at ASTM Headquarters (West Conshohocken, PA)

**CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG:** Carlos Torres (ESMC)

**FILING DATE:** 06/03/2024

**CPSC ATTENDEE(S):** Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR), Daniel Taxier (ESMC) (in-person); Carlos Torres (ESMC), Jill Hurley (ESHF), (HSPP), Matthew Kresse (LSM), Susan Proper (EC) (online)

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

### Summary of Meeting:

Mr. Steven Anzaroot (subcommittee chair) called the meeting to order. After introductions and the meeting agenda and meeting minutes were approved, the chair informed participants that there were no ballot results. The task group (TG) leads then proceeded to present updates.

- **Pet Door Task Group:** The TG lead discussed baby gates on the market with a pet door (a small door within the gate that allows pet to pass through). These products may pose an entrapment/escape hazard as the pet door may allow the passage of children. Additionally, these pet doors may contain horizontal members which can provide a “toe hold” and facilitate climb overs. CPSC staff mentioned that Pet Gates are not in the scope of the ASTM baby gate standard; however, if these pet gates are marketed to also be used with infants (or show photos with infants), then it should follow the ASTM baby gate standard. CPSC staff also commented that the current baby gate standard already includes a bounded-opening requirement to prevent passage and entrapment of children (via the small torso probe) and that these baby gates with pet doors would be in violation of the U.S. federal regulation. The group decided to take the issue back to TG to clarify and strengthen language in the scope and develop performance requirements to prevent entrapment/escape and climb over hazards that these pet doors could create.
- **Third-party accessories (wall [cups] extenders):** The TG lead stated that the TG had not met and had nothing to report. This TG relates to third-party accessories (from non-gate manufacturers) for pressure-mounted gates that, when installed, would widen the opening between the gate and the wall/door frame larger than the required maximum of 3 inches.
- **Retractable Gates:** The TG lead stated that the TG had not met and had nothing to report. CPSC staff will provide the latest incident data and search for incidents with retractable gates for the next TG.

On new business, the chair discussed a comment from a test lab asking for clarification regarding the warning



requirements on the product. Currently, the standard requires that warning statements shall “address” the hazards; however, it does not require that the product shall “have” the warning statements. The group discussed whether to adopt the language from the latest AdHoc Recommended Language. A member mentioned that the introduction of the standard states “*warnings and safety instructions are required to be displayed prominently on and with each gate or enclosure*”. The Chair will modify the warning section using the AdHoc Recommended Language, request feedback from the group, and submit it to ballot prior to the next subcommittee meeting.

**Next Steps:**

CPSC staff will participate on the aforementioned TGs. Additionally, staff will provide the subcommittee with the latest incident data.