



MEETING LOG

SUBJECT: ASTM F15.21 Handheld Carriers Subcommittee Meeting

FY 24 OP PLAN ENTRY: Handheld Infant Carriers

DATE OF MEETING: 5/21/2024

LOCATION OF MEETING: ASTM Headquarters (100 Barr Harbor, West Conshohocken, PA) and Virtual/Teleconference

CPSC STAFF FILING MEETING LOG: Frederick deGrano (ESMC)

FILING DATE: 6/3/2024

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): In Person: Frederick deGrano (ESMC), Jacqueline Campbell (EXHR), Daniel Taxier (ESMC), Virtual: Kristen Talcott (ESHF)

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

Summary of Meeting:

The subcommittee chair called the meeting to order and moved to approve the agenda and previous meeting minutes. The subcommittee chair reviewed the status of incomplete work from the previous subcommittee meeting held on October 21, 2019 including task groups developing draft requirements for handle strength and warning labels related to fall hazards from shopping carts. The draft requirements from both task groups were never balloted, and work was discontinued due to inactivity. The subcommittee agreed to resume developing the draft ballots and formed task groups. CPSC staff questioned if the subcommittee has draft working items preserved from the previous task groups, and multiple members stated that they will look through their records and provide anything they find to the task groups.

The chair updated the subcommittee on the latest incident data provided by staff which includes incidents from 1/1/2010 to 3/19/2024. The subcommittee agreed to form a task group to review the incident data to identify any emergent hazard patterns and provide recommendations to the subcommittee to form task groups as needed to address these hazards.

The subcommittee discussed the task group that was formed at the previous meeting to develop requirements for surface firmness of handheld carriers. Staff notified the subcommittee that staff has recommended to the Commission to change action for the update to the federal regulation for firmness of handheld carriers from Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPR) to Data Analysis/Technical Review (DA/TR). Staff explained that through consultation with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), staff determined that it would be premature to propose rule revisions for infant carriers this fiscal year because NHTSA recently adopted new performance requirements that have not been implemented. Staff notified the subcommittee that the Commission is scheduled to consider staff's recommendation and vote at the earliest May 22, 2024. Despite this recommended change in posture, staff encouraged the subcommittee to continue developing performance requirements for surface firmness of handheld carriers.

The chair adjourned the meeting and plans to schedule the next subcommittee meeting in July or August 2024.

Next Steps:

The task groups will search for the previous work items and resume efforts from the previous task groups. A task group, which includes CPSC staff, will review incident data to identify any emergent hazard patterns and provide recommendations to the subcommittee to form task groups as needed to address these hazards. The next subcommittee meeting will tentatively be scheduled in July or August 2024.