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Mr. Jarrod Kuhn
Subcommittee Chair
Torch and Lamp Fuel ASTM F15.72
Director of Regulatory & Product Safety
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Dear Mr. Kuhn,

A petition (PP 11-1) is pending before the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC, or Commission) to initiate rulemaking to require torch fuel and lamp fuel to be packaged in non-see-through containers to make it unlikely for a young child to see the product and believe it is a drink. In 2012, the Commission deferred action on the petition to encourage outside stakeholders, including manufacturers, to develop voluntary standards to address the hazards associated with (1) the color and design of torch fuel and lamp fuel packaging, (2) the color and odor of torch fuel and lamp fuel, and (3) the use and design of devices principally intended to house torch fuel and lamp fuel.

CPSC staff¹ appreciates ASTM's efforts to address the risks and develop a standard addressing each issue. As part of this effort, ASTM formed a Container Task Group to address the hazards associated with the color and design of torch fuel and lamp fuel packaging (*i.e.*, the packaging standard). Our last meeting was held on January 21, 2021. During the meeting, we

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discussed three negatives received on the July 13, 2020 ballot. We adjudicated the negatives, and the next steps were for you to contact the voters and request withdrawal of the negatives. We did not discuss the comments received on the ballot, due to time constraints. However, you sent the comments to the task group for consideration to continue progress.

We are in the final stages of developing the packaging standard, and, as we agreed, it is now an appropriate time to start the next standards development activity – a standard to address the hazards associated with the color and odor of torch and lamp fuel. We appreciate your having made plans for a mid-March 2021 meeting to consider the issues. Therefore, to formalize this step, CPSC staff requests ASTM F15.72 *Subcommittee on Torch and Lamp Fuel* to form a task group to address the hazards associated with the color and odor of torch and lamp fuel.

CPSC staff very much appreciates your leadership on these voluntary standards activities. We look forward to continuing to work with you as you develop and ballot standards addressing this issue.

Sincerely,

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