ASTM Update – Spring 2022

A number of juvenile product subcommittees met in-person during the week of May 23, 2022. Be sure to read on for all of the important updates. The Fall 2022 meetings will take place between October 19th-21st, 2022 in New Orleans. The meeting schedule and registration will be available at www.astm.org soon!

Ad Hoc Language

The next version of Ad Hoc Language will include various changes. The group discussed the proposal from Mr. Stevenson regarding the need for a warning label on soft bedding products. The group determined that this issue be raised at the individual subcommittee level. CPSC staff proposed a warning label to warn parents of the dangers of using soft bedding in products with restraints.

Ad Hoc Scope

Mr. DeSimone requested that the Ad Hoc Scope group consider a task group related to connected products. The group discussed at length. A task group was formed to determine next steps.

Bassinets & Cradles

The subcommittee discussed open Baby Box ballots at length. Mr. Grochal also reviewed the multiple items in the ballot and proposed changes to the water repellency category. The subcommittee also conducted a straw poll to determine the next steps regarding the use of lids. The majority of the members voted to allow lids to have ventilation requirements and warnings. Mr. Grochal will then resolve the remaining issues related to the recent ballot results.

Bed Rails

The Bed Rails subcommittee approved moving Expansion Gates & Expandable Enclosures to F15.11 in order to better align intended product use with ASTM Juvenile Products Subcommittees.

Bedside Sleepers

Chairman Walsh proposed several minor changes to the standard. A task group was formed to discuss further.

Children’s Chairs

The subcommittee moved forward with the editorial changes that were proposed in the negative and comments on this most recent ballot item.

Crib Mattresses

The subcommittee discussed the proposed federal rule for crib mattresses. As the task groups continue to work on the rule, they will also consider the alignment of the standard and the final rule. Chairman Lee also updated the members on the most recent incident data. The subcommittee also discussed a proposal related to air permeability claims and a recent petition to CPSC regarding Play Yard mattresses. The public comment period for the proposal ends on July 18, 2022.
**Feeding & Infant Support Products**

During the meeting, task group activity related to incident data analysis and drafting the scope of the standard at length. The task groups will then make amendments based on the feedback received.

**Gates & Enclosures**

The Gates & Enclosures subcommittee approved moving Expansion Gates & Expandable Enclosures to F15.11 in order to better align intended product use with ASTM Juvenile Products Subcommittees. The subcommittee also discussed the need to clarify warnings requirements in the standard. Chairman Anzaroot proposed that a task group be formed.

**In-Bed Sleepers**

During the meeting, Chairman Grochal reviewed the most recent ballot results. After a majority of the members voted to proceed with publication, the standard will be sent back to the task group to be revised.

**Infant Bedding**

Mr. Lee provided an update on the status of the task group’s activities. He requested additional incident data to support the group’s work in the future. A typo in the current version of the standard will need to be revised in order to avoid confusion. Chairman Trofe will work with ASTM to address the issue. Mr. Leshner discussed his proposal for a testing apparatus.

**Infant Bouncers**

The approval of a version of the standard F2167-22 with the revised warning statements was conducted. The publication of the new version is expected to be in the next couple of weeks. The subcommittee voted Mr. Egliman’s negative non-related.

**Infant Inclined Sleep Products**

A motion to open a debate on withdrawing the standard was made, and it was carried. In light of the Infant Sleep Products rule, this standard will be withdrawn.

**Infant Loungers**

During the meeting, task group activity related to incident data analysis and drafting the scope of the standard at length. The task groups will then make amendments based on the feedback received. A separate task group was also formed to develop warning and performance requirements.

**Infant & Toddler Rockers**

Chairman Costello reviewed the most recent incident data. The subcommittee determined that there was no action needed at this time, especially given the impending publication of F3084-22.

**Infant Walkers**

All ballot items will go forward to publication with the passage of the most recent ballot.
**Play Yards and Non-Full-Size Cribs**

The subcommittee discussed ballot results at length. Chairman King also noted that there have been several petitions to standardize the minimum thickness of play yard mattresses. Another petition seeks to add further rulemaking to the CPSC’s efforts to standardize the dimensions and size of play yards. The comment period for this petition closes on July 18, 2022. A meeting between the task group and interested parties will be held before the public comment period closes.

**Strollers**

The committee is still awaiting more details from the CPSC regarding the questions that were raised during the previous subcommittee meeting. Health Canada will also be releasing a consultation regarding the use of strollers this summer and encourages industry to comment.

**Toddler Beds**

Mr. Cheek reviewed his letter encouraging changes to the standard. The subcommittee discussed and requested further data from the CPSC. Once received, a task group may be formed to discuss further.

**Wearable Blankets**

The task group will discuss the recent incident data that the CPSC has provided. During a brief discussion, the members of the committee reviewed online images to address the scope of the issue. Task group activity will continue based on feedback from the subcommittee.