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UL - CPSC Meeting

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SUBJECT: Standard requirements for table saws, and user education and instruction on safe table saw operation.

DATE OF MEETING: June 15, 2000

PLACE OF MEETING: CPSC Headquarters, Bethesda, MD

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Caroleene Paul, Engineering Sciences  
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Michael Belcher, UL  
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SUMMARY OF MEETING:

UL proposed to harmonize table saw requirements in UL 987 with draft European standard EN 1807-1 with respect to table saw blade guards. UL acknowledged that requirements such as rigidity and tolerances for blade guards in EN 1807-1 could enhance guard performance and help discourage users from removing the blade guards. UL will make the above proposal at the fall Standard Technical Panel (STP) meeting for power tools.

UL and CPSC discussed the Power Tool Institute (PTI) plans to develop a user education/instruction video on safe table saw operation. UL has not formally discussed a joint effort with PTI. UL and CPSC agreed to mutually form a checklist of significant safety points and video distribution ideas, and to present this information to the PTI. PTI's legal representative agreed to discover the status of PTI's progress on the table saw video and to determine PTI's willingness to incorporate ideas from CPSC and UL.

UL and CPSC discussed the broader issue of table saw safety beyond the simple use or non-use of blade guards. Variables such as visibility, pushsticks, user respect, and table saw accuracy were discussed. CPSC and UL agreed that overall table saw safety concepts could be developed into specific improvement ideas. The forum for this development should include different disciplines outside of a standards committee.

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