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LOG OF MEETING DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Underwriters Laboratories Plastics Flammability Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting

DATE(S) OF MEETING: January 16, 2001

PLACE: Underwriters Laboratories Office, Melville, NY

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Hammad A. Malik, PE 

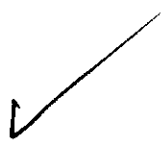
DATE OF ENTRY: January 24, 2001

COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Hammad A. Malik, PE, ESEE

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:

Wayne Morris, Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers.
Steve Watson, DuPont
Chip Pudims, Bryant
Aaron Chase, Leviton
Tim Feldman, National Electrical Manufacturer's Association
Harvey Gannon, National Electrical Manufacturer's Association
Dave Lutz, Hubbell, Inc.
Matthew Carley, Hamilton Beach/Proctor Silex
Hank Roux, Roux Int'l (National Association of State Fire Marshals)
Doug Wetzig, PolyOne
Emilio Gonzalez, Consumers Union
Mari McQueen, Consumers Union
George Fechtmann, Underwriters Laboratories, Melville, NY



John Stimitz, Underwriters Laboratories, Melville, NY
Raymond Suga, Underwriters Laboratories, Melville, NY
Jim Beyreis, Underwriters Laboratories, Northbrook, IL

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

Mr. George Fechtmann, UL, started by having all attendees introduce themselves.

Mr. Stimitz, UL, then provided a history of the Ad-Hoc Committee and the changes that came about as a result of the Committee's work. He provided an overview of the current requirements.

Mr. Fechtmann informed the members that UL is planning to provide a package containing the "alternative paths" to the current UL 746C requirements to the Primary Designated Engineers for the 63 end-product standards that directly reference UL 746C. This would allow them to either incorporate the "alternative paths", modify them, or decide not to include them at all. This represented a significant departure from the original plan to include these "alternative paths" directly into UL 746C.

Several of the members voiced strong opinions against the new plan for implementing "alternative paths." Dissenting opinions were provided by NEMA, AHAM, Leviton, Proctor Silex, and Mr. Hammad Malik, CPSC. Based on these dissenting opinions, UL indicated that they will not pursue this new plan. The "alternative paths" would be incorporated into UL 746C.