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SUBJECT: ASTM F-15.45 Subcommittee for Candle Products ASTM F-15 Committee
Meeting on Consumer Products

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LOCATION: Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, Baltimore, MD

CPSC ATTENDEES: Colin B. Church, EXHR
Allyson Tenney, ESME
Thomas E. Caton, ESME

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES: Jim Becker, American Greetings Chair of ASTM F-15.45
and eighty attendees including members of the National
Candle Association and the ASTM Subcommittee F-15.45
for Candle Products

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

The ASTM Subcommittee F-15.45 meeting started at 9:00 am during the third day of a National Candle Association conference. The meeting was requested by ASTM. Jim Becker, Chair opened the meeting. All the individuals at the meeting introduced themselves.

The Data Evaluation Task Group is collecting data from petroleum manufacturers to determine the current size of the candle industry. Jim Hoebel, retired citizen, discussed changes in CPSC's reporting of fire injuries involving candles. Mr. Hoebel said that arson and suspicious fires would not be included in future estimates. He said that this change goes back to 1997 and should make the CPSC numbers more relevant.

The Terminology Task Group discussed *ASTM F-1972 Standard Guide for Terminology Relating to Candles and Associated Accessory Items* and concluded that additional terms may need to be added.

John Root, Task Group Chair, talked about the new *ASTM F-2058 Standard Specification for Cautionary Labeling for Candles Burned in a Home*. Mr. Root emphasized the importance that members use this standard.

Linda Allison, Task Group Chair, presented a proposed *Standard Specification for Annealed Soda-Lime-Silicate Glass Containers that are Produced for Use as Candle*

Containers as ready for balloting. She talked about the two test methods that the specification describes. The floor asked how the specification defines a failure. The reply was that a failure would be obvious. The unacceptable attributes section was not complete. Cathy Morgan, ASTM, said that it would be acceptable to ballot on a document that has an incomplete section. Round robin testing of the scratch test is to be conducted. The glass container specification will cover handblown, machine, and pressed glass if used for containing a candle.

The Candle Smoke Test Method was discussed. This method was described as using a glass slide and an optical densitometer or a white tile comparative pass/fail test. The preferred test is apparently the densitometer and glass slide. A Heiland TRD2 densitometer was described as a possible instrument.

The Wick Test Task Group discussed their progress on studying wicks with lead cores. This task group's wick standard work will be put on hold until CPSC decides how it will handle wicks with lead cores.

There was a new/old business meeting after the presentations. The National Candle Association Candle performance standards are being moved from NCA to a new task group in ASTM. A sign up sheet was put out for task group volunteers. A CPSC representative will participate in the task group.

The next meeting is October 5, 2001 in Nashville, TN.

The meeting concluded at 1:00 pm.