

**U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
LOG OF MEETING**

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SUBJECT: Mattress and Bedding standards

DATE OF MEETING: September 16, 2004

LOG ENTRY SOURCE: Pamela L. Weller

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LOCATION: Room 725, CPSC headquarters

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Pamela L. Weller and Michael Gougisha, Counselors to Commissioner Thomas H. Moore; Margaret Neily and Allyson Tenney of Engineering Sciences and Soumaya Tohamy of the Economics Department and Patricia Pollitzer of the General Counsel's Office

NON-CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Patricia Martin, Sleep Products Safety Council; Ryan Trainer, International Sleep Products Association; Robert Polk, National Association of State Fire Marshals; Phil Wakelyn, National Cotton Council;

SUMMARY OF MEETING: Ms. Martin indicated the Safety Council wanted the Commission to push forward as soon as possible with a mattress standard and expressed the hope that the Commission's standard would be similar to the California standard. Mr. Trainer also expressed the same views. Commissioner Moore indicated that he had no idea what the staff's proposal was going to look

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like.

Commissioner Moore asked if any of the mattress manufacturers had tested their products to the California standard and Ms. Martin indicated that many had. She indicated that some manufacturers will use the California standard as their standard mattress and others will make a product specifically for California.

Mr. Wakelyn noted that our bedding proposal is only at the ANPR stage and that California hopes to propose something by the end of the year, so that the two rules are on different tracks. He indicated we might want to consider including blankets in our rule as California is only looking at filled bedding products. He also questioned the need for a separate bedding standard if the mattress standard uses a flame source that replicates a mattress fire with bedding.

Mr. Polk stated that the Fire Marshals support the California standard with the exception of the 30 minute (versus a 60 minute) test. He stated that rural areas are protected by volunteer fire departments that don't enjoy the type of response found in urban areas. He indicated the Fire Marshals may be able to support the 30 minute test if other stipulations were added.

Mr. Wakelyn asked Mr. Trainer if the retailers were being informed of their obligations and Mr. Trainer indicated that a new magazine aimed at retailers of mattresses would be coming out that would acquaint them with the issues.

Commissioner Moore thanked everyone for coming to present their views.