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**U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission
Log of Meeting**

Subject: ANSI Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) A14 meeting on ANSI A14 Ladder Standards

Date of meeting: April 19, 2007

Log Entry Source: Thomas E. Caton, ESME

Location: American Ladder Institute (ALI) headquarters, Chicago, IL

CPSC Attendees: Thomas E. Caton, ESME

Non-CPSC Attendees:

Erick Knox, Engineering Systems, Inc.
Ron Pietrzak, ANSI ASC A14 Administrative Co-Secretariat
Laura Waggoner, ALI Associate Coordinator
Irving Ojalvo, Technology Associates
Alan Kline, Lynn ladder & Scaffolding
Eric Kruse, Cosco Home & Office Products
Charles Bird, Associated General Contractors
Stan Kiska, A14.11 Chair

Summary of Meeting:

1. The meeting opened with a discussion of the membership and roster changes. Member with no recent contact will be sent a letter and if no response is received; they will be dropped from ANSI ASC A14 committee membership.
2. Standard sales totals were reported. Notable is the continuing sales leadership of the ANSI A14.3 Fixed ladder standard that is attributed to this standard being incorporated into NFPA standards and building codes.
3. The ANSI A14.11 Step Stool standard is in draft form and is being prepared for public review.
4. The ANSI ASC A14 committee has identified a few wording inconsistencies with the draft ANSI standards: ANSI A14.1 Portable Wood Ladders, ANSI A14.2 Portable Metal Ladders, and ANSI A14.5 Portable Reinforced Plastic Ladders. The major change is with the test surface flooring that was changed to agree with changes made with the commercial grading of lumber. Test floor surfaces can change due to flooring products no longer being made. Overall, the adjustments to the final draft standards are mainly editorial changes to make the documents internally consistent with each other.

5. ANSI A14.10 Portal Special Duty ladders will be eliminated after ANSI A14.2 and ANSI A14.5 are approved because ANSI A14.2 and ANSI A14.5 will incorporate ANSI A14.10.
6. ANSI A14.1, ANSI A14.2 and ANSI A14.5 drafts will be sent to ANSI for public review and balloting starting May 10, 2007. These review drafts will be sent to ANSI for public review and balloting starting May 10, 2007. These review drafts will be in the ANSI Reporter and will not be posted on the ALI electronic site.
7. A14.4 Sub-committee is being reconstituted to keep ANSI A14.4 Job Made Ladders on schedule with ANSI's 5-year review cycle.
8. A14.8 Sub-committee on Ladder Accessories is also working to assure that ANSI A14.8 is consistent with the other standards.
9. A14.9 Sub-committee on ANSI A14.11 Step Stools is resolving: non-ladder step stools, rationale for tests, step stools with and without side rails, the point between what is a step stool and what is a step ladder, and what about work platforms that have a 2 square foot work surface.
10. The ANSI ASC A14 Committee has heard nothing from the Harvard NIOSH ladder study group.
11. The ANSI ASC A14 Committee will extend an invitation to Consumers Union to present their ladder study test procedures, results, and concerns as a presentation at the next ANSI ASC A14 Committee meeting tentatively on October 18, 2007.
12. The label study group discussed a booklet that could be attached to a ladder, a possible DVD, and/or a web site on ladder usage. The group is planning for a summit with U.S.A. ladder manufacturers, insurance brokers, etc. to discuss ladder concepts. They are planning for a morning fly-in and evening fly-out meeting between 1:00 to 2:00 pm on July 10, 2007.

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