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MEETING LOG
DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES

SUBJECT: Tree Stands, ASTM F08.16 Subcommittee Meeting

LOCATION: Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta

DATE: Jan 17, 2007, 3:00- 6:00 PM

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COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Mike Karen, Engineering Sciences

NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES: Contact ASTM for attendee list.

MEETING SUMMARY:

1. Approved Minutes from meeting held on 6/16/06 in Erie, PA.
2. Dave Gordon, F08.16 Subcommittee chairman along with other members reviewed several Archery Bow related standards that were scheduled for a 5-year update.
3. CPSC staff requested the Subcommittee to expand the Fall Arrest System (safety harness) ASTM standard to address self rescue. Dave Gordon agreed in concept to revising and expanding the standard (to include self rescue). Mr. Gordon noted that the FAS standard is scheduled for its 5-year review next year and that it was possible that the additional self-rescue requirements could be drafted before the upcoming review cycle, to be incorporated at that time. Mr. Gordon emphasized, however, that he would only be willing to revise the standard if the treestand manufacturers themselves would support the idea and would actively participate in developing the language needed to make self rescue a part of the standard.
4. The treestand manufacturer representatives were not present during the CPSC staff discussion. (In a 1/18/2007 follow-up phonecon with Mr. Gordon, he agreed to inform the treestand manufacturer representatives of our discussion, and contact me after talking to them.)
5. CPSC staff informed the Subcommittee members that staff is preparing a letter stressing the importance of continued action by the Subcommittee relative to the issue of self rescue.