

MEETING LOG

Subject: Meeting with the International Sleep Products Association and other groups about developing a mattress flammability standard

Meeting Date: December 10, 1997

Place: Room 700/721, CPSC Headquarters

Source: Walt A. Sanders, COAB

CPSC Reps: Jeffrey Bromme, OGC
Walt Sanders, COAB
Ron Medford, EXHR
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Other Reps: Karen Suhr, National Association of State Fire Marshals
Phil Wakelyn, National Cotton Council
Anthony Essaye, Rogers & Wells
Pat Martin, International Sleep Products Association
Russ Abolt, International Sleep Products Association
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Summary:

Mr. Essaye, representing the International Sleep Products Association (ISPA), explained the history of ISPA's commitment to developing the mandatory cigarette ignition standard for mattresses, beginning with its work with the U.S. Department of Commerce, culminating with the approval of the standard by the CPSC. Essaye said that ISPA would like to continue its commitment to fire safety by working with CPSC to develop a mandatory small open flame mattress flammability standard. Essaye said ISPA's board of directors has authorized ISPA staff to work with CPSC to: (1) develop data to support an amendment of the existing mattress flammability standard to include a small open flame requirement; (2) ensure any standard would preempt state and local regulations concerning mattress flammability; (3) assess the role "bed clothes" (sheets, blankets, etc.) play in the risks associated with mattress fires; (4) develop a "bench-scale" type test protocol for mattress flammability to reduce the costs of conducting flammability testing to the standard; and (5) develop a joint information and education campaign on fire-related bedroom safety. CPSC staff tentatively agreed to meet with ISPA to discuss the technical issues related to the developing a small open flame standard and a safety campaign. ISPA agreed to participate, early next year, in a roundtable meeting with ISPA members, other industry representatives, and fire safety advocacy groups. CPSC and ISPA also agreed that their respective technical staffs should meet soon to discuss issues related to the roundtable meeting and the technical work they plan to sponsor at NIST.

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