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LOG OF MEETING

SUBJECT: ASTM F8.17 Subcommittee Meeting on Trampolines:
Discuss Revision of F381-95 Consumer Safety Specification for Components, Assembly and Use of a Trampoline.

DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 1998

DATE OF LOG ENTRY: May 11, 1998

SOURCE OF LOG ENTRY: Jean Kennedy, Office of Compliance

LOCATION: Atlanta, GA
Atlanta Hilton Hotel

CPSC ATTENDEE(S): Jean Kennedy, Office of Compliance
Sue Kyle, EHHA

NON-CPSC ATTENDEES:

John Kuchno, Neuberger Quinn Gielen, New Elected Chair
Albert Nichols, Pres., Icon Health/Jumping Trampolines
Lani Loken, Gymnast
Joe Burchfield, Baycor Products Group
Gary Reynolds, Century Tube Corp.
Michael Hyde, Flexible Flyer
Pat Welsh, Hedstrom
Lee Adams, Adtec Trampolines
Doug Freeman, Jumpsport
Pete Bos, Magic Circle
Scott Burton, Safety Play, Inc.

SUMMARY OF MEETING:

CPSC attended to discuss Draft # 6, which was balloted March 20, 1998 to April 20, 1998 and received three negative votes. Chairman Kurt Feller did not attend and the subcommittee voted John Kuchno to be the new chair. The Ladder Task Group, of which Jean Kennedy was a member, met prior to the main meeting to discuss CPSC's proposed requirements. Discussions resulted in non-substantive changes and acceptance of CPSC proposals. The Acrobatic Trampoline Task Group, headed by a world-renowned gymnast, withdrew its objections to "not recommended for children under 6" in this standard and will formulate a "Competitive Trampolines" standard.

CPSC staff's proposed requirements passed: 1) padding will cover entire spring system and frame, 2) "Not recommended for children under 6 years of age" on trampoline packages will alert parents and will appear again on inside instructions, 3) ladders may not be sold with trampolines as a component and ladder packages will have an ANSI warning: "Ladders let young children climb onto trampolines. Trampolines are not for children under 6 years. Do not use a ladder if children under 6 might be nearby." and 4) warnings against somersaulting and no more than one person jumping will be located on the bed for visibility.

CONCLUSION:

CPSC staff proposed that the standard agreed to at the meeting be balloted concurrently to the subcommittee members and the ASTM main committee to avoid further delay. CPSC staff also proposed a Padding Attachment Task Group to determine test procedure for pads "to remain securely attached during expected use." Another Padding Task Group was proposed to assess the current SI(severity index) or Peak G or other testing requirements for padding on frame/springs. Bud Nichols of Jumpking requested that CPSC engineers work with the group.