

**MINUTES**  
**Joint Industries Fabric Standards and Guidelines Meeting**  
**Embassy Suites Hotel Airport, Greensboro, NC**  
**November 4, 2010**

1. Bill Perdue opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. A signup sheet was distributed and minutes from the last meeting were approved. Self introductions were made.
2. Bill Perdue reviewed some of the CPSC requirements including 3rd party testing for children's furniture. CPSC will implement a consumer data base in the spring of 2011, where anyone can log in to register a safety complaint about any product. Manufacturers will be notified of all complaints on their products and have a certain amount of time to respond. The complaint and the response will then be made public on the data base. People registering complaints will not be required to identify themselves.

AHFA is monitoring a bill introduced in congress by Rep. Henry Waxman to revamp the Safe Chemicals Act (TOSCA). There is also a move in California to rewrite Cal TB117.

CPSC has adopted a new standard reference cigarette to be used in flammability testing. It will be available from NIST at \$239/carton. They are also working on a standard reference foam.

3. Pat Bowling from AHFA reported on "ECO-3 HOME" program. It is designed as the umbrella program for EFEC and SBD. Both EFEC (Enhancing Furniture's Environmental Culture) and SBD (Sustainable By Design) concern what companies can do to reduce their environmental footprint. ECO-3 HOME is designed to communicate this to the consumer by means of product registration.
4. Ann Laidlaw from X-Rite Corp. gave a very informative presentation on color assessment. Some of the more important aspects of color assessment include the need for standard viewing environment, consistent light sources, and recognizing that younger eyes perceive things bluer and older eyes perceive things yellower.
5. Shane Lynch from the Manufacturing Solutions Center reported that ASTM is still testing for precision and bias statement for the re-instatement of 4033 and 4034. Regarding the chenille loss project, Eric Schmitz and Pat Iott will submit samples to Perry Lowe for testing and then to Karin Matkins for additional testing.
6. Bill Reichel reported the project on the Victor "flex-test" machine is going slowly. Victor cannot find the original specs for the machine to enable us to get an estimate cost of reproducing it. The 2nd and 3rd machines are not identical so testing using both machines would be inconclusive.
7. Rachael Adams, IICRC, gave a presentation on Mold Remediation. Her presentation centered around standard S520, certified by ANSI. Three conditions are used to identify mold problems.

Condition 1. Unaffected - no visible mold growth

" 2. Contains settled mold spores that are not actively growing.

" 3. Visible mold growth.

The difference between mildew and mold is mildew affects outside world, plants and vegetation and is seen as a white, powdery substance. Mold affects interior world and is seen as black or green substance. You must do source removal to actually remove health hazard. Post remediation verification should be done by an IEP, Indoor Environmental Professional. Bill Perdue circulated photos of mold on wood frames, a common growth area for mold.

8. The review of current standards and guidelines was initiated. During discussion of the Abrasion guideline (chapter 1), it was noted that we need a replacement for the screen cleaning agent, currently listing "perchloroethylene". Also, since many manufacturers and textile suppliers use the terms, delicate, light, medium, and heavy duty to describe wearability, it was suggested to incorporate this listing into the guideline.

Delicate = less than 6,000 double rubs

Light = 6,000 to 11,999 double rubs

Medium = 12,000 to 14,999 double rubs

Heavy = 15,000 double rubs and above.

9. Old Business

The next meeting will include a review of at least the first three chapters in the standards and guidelines document.

10. The next meeting will be held on May 10, 2011 in Myrtle Beach, SC.

11. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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