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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Flame Retardant Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 10, 2013**

COMMITTEE GOAL

To provide a means of communications between the Offices of the State Fire Marshal, representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

STAFF

James Parsegian, Committee Chair
Glenn Tong, Technical Advisor
Wanda Albritten, Assistant Program Coordinator

MEMBERS PRESENT

- *Amber D. Anderson, Consumes Services District
- *Michael Lantier, City of Napa Fire Department
- *Ellen Atkins, Delta Pacific Technologies, Inc.
- *Benjamin Bagwell Glen Raven – Custom Fabrics
- *Kathy Newman, Firetect Flame Retardants
- *Pedro Vega, Dazian Fabrics
- *Chris Bowness, QAI Laboratories
- *Bobby Puett, Diversified Testing Laboratories, Inc.,
- *Matthew Antonucci, CSATF/AMPTP
- *Christine Gerard, Industrial Fabrics Association International
- *Joe McNally, Mountain View Christmas Tree Farm

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tom Andrews, Turning Star, Inc.
Jonathan Curtsinger, Fabric Flame Proofing Co, Inc.

GUEST MEMBERS

- *John Gant –Guest
- *Marcello Hirschler- Guest

**Via Conference Call*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson James Parsegian at 9:00 A.M. July 10, 2013.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairperson James Parsegian conducted roll call it was determined that a quorum of members was present.

APPROVAL OF MINTUES

The minutes for the January 19, 2012 meeting were distributed for review and approval. Member Amber Anderson motioned to approve the minutes. Member Benjamin Bagwell seconded. Chairperson James Parsegian called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The minutes for January 19, 2012 are approved.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson James Parsegian presented the Flame Retardant Regulation Package, which includes all comments of the Advisory Committee, and explained the process used to review the express terms. The committee reviewed and voted on each article and comment.

Article 1 comment:

Members discussed all comments. Section 1174 is modified as follows:

§1174 Basis

These rules and regulations are based upon the presumption of fact that fabrics and similar materials commonly known to be flammable increase, or may cause the increase of, the hazard or menace of fire; that proper and adequate flame-retardant treatment through the use of certain chemicals is possible whereby the danger to life and property from fire and panic can be materially reduced; and, that there do exist certain fabrics and materials which by nature are nonflammable or meet the requirements of the regulations.

Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 1 as amended. Member Ellen Atkins seconded the motion. All members were in favor. One member abstained. The motion carried. See *voting sheet for actual vote.*

Article 2 comments:

Members discussed all comments. The committee tabled section 1204. Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 2, except section 1204. Member Michael Lantier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. See *voting sheet for actual vote.*

Article 3 comments:

Members discussed all comments. Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 3. Member Michael Lantier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. *See voting sheet for actual vote.*

Article 4 Comments:

Members discussed all comments. Comments were resolved with the exception of Section 1231 concerning laboratory room temperature and humidity. The Committee suggested a review of NFPA 701 for possible direction. Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 4 except section 1231. Member Michael Lantier seconded. All members were in favor. *See voting sheet for actual vote.*

Article 5 comments:

Members discussed all comments. Comments were resolved with the exception of Section 1247 concerning insurance coverage. At the request of the Committee, Chairperson Parsegian will seek to clarify proper coverage. Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 5. Member Michael Lantier seconded the motion. All members were in favor. *See voting sheet for actual vote.*

Article 6 comments:

Members discussed all comments. Section 1270 is modified as follows:

§1270. Field Results

Since laboratory tests of textile and other materials only approximate results of actual field use, continued listing of a registered chemical or fabric or material shall depend upon the ability of the chemical or fabric or material to prove satisfactory in actual use.

~~*Repeated field failure(s), regardless of laboratory test results, shall be presumed to result from faulty chemical(s) or faulty application thereof.*~~

Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 5 as amended. Member Michael Lantier seconded the motion. Ten members in favor and One opposed, motion carries. *See voting sheet for actual vote*

Article 7 comments:

Members discussed all comments. Section 1282 is modified as follows:

§1282 Fabric or Material Registration.

Manufacturers who market a flame-retardant fabric or material for use as draperies, upholstery, wall coverings, tents, etc., or a flame-retardant canvas for use in tents may have their product listed under its trade name as a registered flame-retardant fabric or material provided that:

- (a) *The fabric or material is treated by a registered flame-retardant application concern with a registered chemical; or*
- (b) *The fabric or material is inherently noncombustible (~~such as glass, asbestos, or certain metallic cloth~~); or*
- (c) *The fabric or material is manufactured of such materials that the flame-retardant qualities may be expected to remain effective for the useful life of the fabric. This category includes such materials as fabric woven from nonflammable synthetic fibers; nonflammable plastic films or sheeting's; treated, synthetic, ~~or inherently flame retardant or noncombustible~~ fabrics which have been coated or impregnated with a nonflammable plastic, etc.*

Note: Fabrics and materials falling in group (a) above are automatically approved, but will be listed as such only upon payment of the registration fee required by statute.

Member Amber Anderson motioned to accept Article 7 as modified. Member Ellen Atkins seconded the motion. Nine members in favor, two opposed, none abstained. See voting sheet for actual vote.

Two items of New Business are carried over to the next meeting:

- Discussion of the test standard
- Final approval of the Regulations

OPEN FORUM

Chairperson James Parsegian reminded all members to submit their letters requesting reappointment.

ACTION ITEMS

Chairperson James Parsegian will seek clarification of the meaning of proper coverage from the insurance industry.

NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 2013 at the Office of the State Fire Marshal. Meeting adjourned at 12:30 P.M.

