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| <b>I. Meeting of ISO/TC38/SC2</b>                      |
| <b>CLEANSING, FINISHING AND WATER RESISTANCE TESTS</b> |
| <b>II. Date 14-16 JULY 2004</b>                        |
| <b>III. Location TERRASSA, SPAIN</b>                   |

#### IV. Meeting Attendance

- Meeting attendance roster attached  
 Meeting roster not available

Please comment on significant or unusual attendance issues (e.g., new member bodies, regular members not in attendance, new Chairman or Secretariat, non-accredited U.S. persons, etc.).

**Mrs. Norma Keyes, USA, Chaired the meeting. Attending in addition to the delegates listed on the attached roster were Mr. J. Daniels (USA) Secretariat for SC2, Mr. Andy Williams from the Central Secretariat in Geneva, and Mr. Tom Hilgers representing IEC/SC59D/WG17 Global Application.**

#### V. MEETING OBSERVATIONS

The 16th meeting of ISO/TC 38/SC 2 was held in Terrassa, Spain and was hosted by the Spanish Association for Standardization and Certification (AENOR), INTEXTER, and others and held at the Industrial House (CECOT).

Mr. Daniels presented the Report of the Secretariat (Doc N 703). Mr. Daniels reviewed the convenors on record for the nine working groups of the subcommittee and noted that several WG's were either inactive or would be moved to inactive status later in the meeting. Mr. Daniels indicated that those working groups that move to inactive status would retain the convenors, so someone could be contacted if a working group needs to be reactivated.

It was reported that Mr. Robert Long would replace Mr. Robert Ruffel for WG9, which would become inactive due

to no current work items. There were no other changes to the list of convenors. Mr. Daniels further reviewed the 24 “P” members and 17 “O” member countries of the subcommittee. Since the past meeting, New Zealand had become an “O” member, The Netherlands and Tanzania had changed from “P” to “O” member status. Unitex resigned as liaison to SC2.

Mr. Daniels reported on the systematic review as listed in his report and called attention to the status of each resolution from the prior meetings in 2001. Mr. Daniels reviewed that ISO 7772- 1 *Assessment of industrial laundry machinery by its effect on textiles-Part 1: Washing machines* had been recommended for withdrawal, as there had been no one in ISO/TC72 Textile Machinery interested in liaising on this document.

Mr. Daniels called attention to Doc N 678 which provides a listing of the committees and organisations that have established liaisons with the various working groups of SC2. No additions to the liaison list were made. Mrs. Bolton (UK) reported that most of the liaisons are in name only and that there is poor participation and communications among the listed parties. Mr. Daniels reviewed the process by which participants liaise with our respective working groups. Mr. Daniels reported that the Secretariat would again send out information to the convenors and liaising parties, so that all involved would understand their responsibilities.

Mr. Tom Hilgers provided an update of the activities in Working Group 17 Global Application of IEC 59D. Mr. Hilgers reported on the various working group and maintenance team structure within IEC 59D and the various sub working groups within Working Group 17 – Global Application.

Mr. Hilgers reported on the scope of WG17 which is beginning to consider methods for including cleaning performance, fabric damage, universal testing conditions and testing materials (detergents, soil strips, etc.) in their protocols. Mr. Hilgers reviewed the WG’s 4<sup>th</sup> edition published last year of IEC 60456 *Clothes washing machines for household use-Methods for measuring the performance*. Compilations of vital information regarding horizontal axis and vertical axis washing machine parameters were presented, as well as the WG’S finding of key issues and priorities.

Mr. Williams, ISO/CS Technical Program Manager, reported on the WTO principles for the development of international standards in order to ensure transparency, impartiality, development of effective and relevant standards, avoidance of duplication and addressing the special needs and concerns of developing countries. To achieve this goal requires effective response to market needs in respect to scientific and technology development. The process should not give preference to specific countries or regions, but recognise the special needs of countries and regions. Mr. Williams reported on the philosophy in ISO that standards should be performance based and not descriptive based documents.

Mr. Hilgers asked if ISO also works on implementation of standards, and Mr. Williams replied that there is no similar rule in ISO on implementation as there is within CEN (European Committee for Standardization).

Mr. Morris shared his concern that the change from design or descriptive standards to performance based standards might stifle innovation. Companies need to be rewarded for their R & D effort and creativity, or innovation will cease.

Mr. Williams mentioned that if patented or unique equipment is mentioned in standards, that there is a special clause to be included which states the inclusion of equipment is not an endorsement by ISO.

Mr. Williams highlighted the fact that the default time line for standard development within ISO is now 3 years and that ISO/TC38/SC1 and SC2 have traditionally met together every 3 years.

Mrs. Keyes noted that SC24 is working on a guide (Doc. 38/ N1894 *Determination of precision of a standard test method for interlaboratory studies*) for developing precision guidelines that may be of use in developing test methods. She reported that the Chair of SC24 had been invited for the meeting of SC2 to present an update on SC24’s work, but that the Chair of SC24 was unable to attend. Mr. Daniels reported that the development of the guide was a work item within SC24 and that it should not automatically require that each Subcommittee within TC38 automatically include precision statements in their standards. Mr. Williams concurred and Mr. Moore indicated that he would include that topic on the agenda the next meeting of ISO/TC38.

## **Report of Working Groups**

### Report of Working Group 3 Domestic Washing & Drying – N713

John Morris, Convenor, introduced the report of Working Group 3 and the recommendations from the discussions held. It was noted that Sweden was also represented, and ISO 3759 and ISO 5077 should be listed as documents discussed.

Discussions on amendments to ISO 6330 *Domestic washing and drying procedures for textile testing* resulted in Resolutions 10, 12, 13. A full revision of ISO 6330 will be done when ISO 3758 *Textiles—Care labelling code using textiles* is sent for publication. The Secretariat was requested to send a letter of invitation to all SC2 member countries to participate in this revision.

The work on (N 605) *Test method for tumble drying of textiles* had delays, but will proceed.

The delegates present recommended that (N673) *Accelerated wash procedure for determination of the dimensional change of fabrics*.

ISO 3759 *Textiles—Preparation, marking and measuring of fabric specimens and garments in tests for determination of dimensional change* and ISO 5077 *Textiles—Determination of dimensional change in washing and drying* fall within WG3 instead of WG4. The results of the Systematic Reviews of ISO 3759 and ISO 5077 were discussed and it was recommended that the documents be revised.

#### Report of Working Group 4 Appearance Retention – N 712

Martine Dascot, Convenor, introduced the report.

The delegations present agreed that ISO 15487 *Textiles-Method for assessing appearance of apparel and other textile end products after domestic washing and drying* be reconfirmed. It was determined that the other Standards from the Systematic Review do not belong to the work program for WG 4.

#### Report of Working Group 8 Water Resistance Tests – N 709

Steve Simonson, convenor, introduced the report of the working group. The proposed revisions suggested by Germany to ISO 9865 *Textiles-Determination of water repellancy of fabrics by the Bundesmann rain shower test* had not progressed. The delegations present requested that the Secretariat contact Germany to determine if the project is still of interest and have them assign a project leader. If not, the project could be dropped or the convenor advised he can put forward the comments from the prior meeting.

Doc N706 *Liquid Moisture Management Properties of Porous Material Textile Fabrics* was introduced. This document is similar to ISO 9073-13 *Test method for nonwovens--Repeated liquid strike through time*, which is out for ballot in TC38/WG9 Nonwovens. .

Doc. N707 *Aqueous Liquid Repellency: Water / Alcohol Solution Resistance Test* is recognized method in the industry and it was recommended the project be accepted as a new work item.

The delegations present unanimously approved all working group reports as amended.

#### **A. Overall, how well did the U.S. meet its objectives on policy or technical matters?**

- Very Successful -- U.S. positions were accepted in whole
- Successful -- Compromises were reached which are acceptable to the U.S.
- Not Successful -- U.S. positions were not accepted

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**B. Please comment on any issues of significance which might have an impact upon materially affected or interested U.S. parties.**

**C. Was the U.S. delegation adequately prepared for the discussions that ensued at this TC or SC meeting?**

The USA Delegates were well prepared and knowledgeable having previously reviewed all documents discussed at the meeting. Particular thanks are due to the AATCC staff for the exemplary manner in which they organized and distributed information and documents for the delegation.

**D. Did the U.S. extend an offer to assume any new officer positions?**

No

Yes, positions are indicated below:

(names are included in the Working Group Reports and contact information is available from the SC2 Secretariat)

Secretariat

Convener or Rapporteur

Project Leader

Chairman

Project Editor

**E. Did the U.S. extend an offer to host any future meetings?**

Yes

No

If yes, please identify:

Next meeting would be held in 2007. Date and place to be identified closer to time.

**F. Were any new issues raised which require, or might involve, coordination with other U.S. bodies?**

(Include coordination items with other U.S. TAGs, ANSI policy-level committees, the USNC, etc.)

Yes

No

If yes, please identify:

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**K. Please identify specific decisions which the U.S. delegation believes to be noteworthy for publication.**

**L. What might be done to further promote the ANSI Federation's goal of "global standards that reflect U.S. interests?"**  
(Consider such issues as how might the U.S. further promote acceptance of related American National Standards in international and, where applicable, regional?)

**M. Other Comments**  
(Attach additional sheet(s) as necessary)

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