



REGULATORY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Dear PFCMA Member

We recommend that you share the following information to ensure that our supply chain is up to date on Portable Fuel Container standards.

We are pleased to inform you that the 2015 amendment to ASTM International Standard F-2517 was approved as an industry standard by ASTM and was published in the Federal Register by the Consumer Product Safety Commission on March 31, and became effective on April 12, 2015."

This standard (F2517, Specification for Determination of Child Resistance of Portable Fuel Containers for Consumer Use) was first approved in 2005 and was originally adopted as a Consumer Product Safety Mandatory Rule in 2009 through the Child Gasoline Burn Prevention Act (CGBPA). It required that all Portable Fuel Containers for consumer use manufactured on or after January 17, 2009 for sale in the United States comply with (ASTM) F2517.

The most important revision to (ASTM) F2517-15 was to expand its scope to include explicitly all accessories, spouts, closures and other components that can be sold and used on a portable fuel container. The purpose of the CGBPA was to reduce hazards to children, including ingestions, fume inhalation, and the risk of burns from fires by mandating closures that resist access by children. The ASTM Committee responsible for the standard (Subcommittee F15.10, Standards for Flammable Liquid Containers) considered it important that a portable fuel container, made and sold as a compliant product, could not be easily modified with an aftermarket accessory that would then make the product non-compliant. This change also brings the scope of the ASTM standard in line with the scope of EPA and CARB regulations applicable to Portable Fuel Containers for consumer use.

The revised standard will ensure that containers which meet state of the art safety standards cannot easily, or even inadvertently be converted to a much less safe configuration. All portable consumer fuel containers manufactured by PFCMA members meet the applicable safety and environmental standards.

In view of their responsibility under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), we encourage you to share this important advance in child safety regulation within your retail network.