MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Committee on Sustainable Carpet
FROM: Matthew Realff, Chairperson
DATE: November 3 2014
SUBJECT: Proposed revision to NSF/ANSI 140 – Sustainability Assessment for Carpet (140i25r3)

Draft 3 of NSF/ANSI 140 issue 25 is being forwarded to the Joint Committee for balloting. Please review the changes proposed to this standard and submit your ballot by November 17, 2014 via the NSF Online Workspace.

Purpose

The purpose of this ballot is to approve a change to 3.4, section 9, and adding Annex D for Flocked Floor Coverings, called the Blade Test.

Revision 3 (r3) addresses the comments received from the revision 2 (r2) ballot that had concern with the test methodology changing and the year of the standard. This two-week adjudication ballot also addresses four unresolved negative comments that were received on revision 2.

Voting options

This ballot allows voters the opportunity to respond, change or reaffirm their vote based on the content of the comments and the ballot document contained in this ballot package.

1. Affirmative: you are voting to accept the ballot document as it stands after your consideration of the unresolved negative comments and changes proposed in the revision 2 ballot document.
2. Negative: You are voting to reject the ballot document as it stands after your consideration of the unresolved negative comments or the updated language in the ballot. Voters who change an affirmative to a negative shall cite the unresolved negative comment that caused their decision or the new language related to their new negative vote.
3. Abstain: You do not feel that you have sufficient information to make an informed decision on this issue.

Please note that if you do not return a vote in this adjudication ballot, your original vote will remain in effect.

At the close of this adjudication ballot, all results will be tallied to determine if the requirements for consensus have been satisfied.

Background

Flocked carpet does not have tufts. Therefore, we request that the requirement for tuft bind be replaced with the Blade Test for Flocked Carpet. It has been shown that the Blade Test is a reproducible test that may be used to predict the permanence of the flocked fibers into the adhesive layer of the carpet. The permanence of the face yarns is the requisite sought in the tuft bind test. The Blade Test also seeks to quantify the permanence of the face fibers in a flocked material. It is our belief that the acceptance of the Blade Test meets the intent of the Performance Durability section as it pertains to fiber/yarn permanence in the face construction.
Issues

Negative votes were received from four of the JC members. Their objection was based on the ISO TC committee working on this EN 1307 methodology. These negative votes are addressed by referencing the current version (even when it changes) in this revision 3 ballot.

Public health

This change will promote a positive impact on public health by adding the test method for flocked carpet products.

If you have any questions about the technical content of the ballot, you may contact me in care of:

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