

Consolidated North American PFD Standard Task Group

Date: October 08, 2010

To: North American PFD Standard Stakeholders

Fm: Task Group on Consolidated North American Standard for PFDs

Subject: Request for Comment on Principles and Revised Work Plan for Consolidated North American Standard

Background: The larger personal flotation device (PFD) community has been working for some time with the US Coast Guard, Underwriters Laboratories, Inc, Transport Canada Marine Safety, PFDMA, interested Canadian manufacturers, BMA Engineering, and others interested in development of a consolidated North American standard for wearable PFDs. This effort has been broadly referred to as PFD Reclassification and includes harmonization with the ISO standard.

New Documents for Comment: Through a task group under the UL Standards Technical Panel (STP) for PFDs, a set of principles and a revised/updated work plan have been developed for completing the consolidated North American standard for wearable PFDs. The attachments are posted at the USCG website, <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/>, under the column heading "Additional Information" and with the hyperlink reading "North American PFD Standard." These documents are intended to guide the standard development process. The task group and the Coast Guard are keenly interested in hearing any comments or questions on the principles and revised work plan.

Providing Comments: The task group would like to have all comments for consideration by December 1, 2010. Please direct your comments and questions to Samuel Wehr at swehr@mustangsurvival.com (Chair of the task group) or Robin Scott at rscott@sportdimension.com (Secretary of task group) and a copy to Martin Jackson (USCG project officer) at Martin.L.Jackson@uscg.mil.

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Sincerely,



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On behalf of the Consolidated Standard Task Group

Attachments: (in <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg5214/>)

1. Principles for development of a North American PFD standard harmonized with ISO 12402
2. Consolidated North American standard for wearable PFDs - Work Plan (Revised)

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