**Transport Packaging Committee (TPC)**

**Kick Off of the revised Transport Packaging Committee (TPC) on Wednesday, September 10, 2014.**

**Mission Statement:**

The mission of the TPC is to report, inform and educate IoPP members, and members of the packaging community, on current technical requirements for the distribution of packaged products through storage and handling at manufacturing plants, distribution and customer facilities, and transportation through various modes.

**TPC Officers**

Chairman: AJ Gruber – ISTA

Vice Chairman: Pat Laurie – Bissell

Secretary: Chip Krieg – Sonoco

**Agenda:**

1. Review Website updates (Pat Laurie - Bissell)
2. Review Freight & Small Parcel Guidelines (AJ Gruber - ISTA)
3. Review Regulations & Standards update (Bryan Williams - Lansmont)
4. Ideas for future discussion

**Roll Call was taken.**

A list of the participants is at the end of the notes. If we missed your name, please let me know.

**Website Update**

1. Pat Laurie went over the revised Website slides.
2. Website Link: [Transport Packaging Committee - Institute of Packaging Professionals](http://www.iopp.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=189)
3. Looking for any volunteers to help with updates. If interested, please contact Pat.

**Freight & Small Parcel Guidelines**

1. AJ Gruber reviewed the update areas within the guidelines.
2. Updates to the Freight section:
   1. More information regarding Clamp Testing has been added, referenced in the Horizontal Compression section.
   2. Older testing sections have been removed.
3. Updates to the Small Parcel section:
   1. Added ASTM D7386.
   2. Removed older testing methods.
4. Guidelines can be downloaded in pdf format from the Website.
5. Questions:
   1. Will Uniform Freight Classification (UFC) Rule 41 for Rail be added?
   2. Will any testing for Air Freight be added?

**Regulations & Standards**

1. Bryan Williams reviewed his slides and the various updated standards.
2. ISTA Updates
   1. Addition of Pre-Conditioning
   2. Standard 20 for Thermo
   3. Unit Load Stability modifications using Incline Impact or modified Tilt Testing.
3. ASTM Updates
   1. D4169
      1. Schedule G updated for Rail
      2. Schedules B & C reference density factor
      3. Added Multiple Test Levels (Low, Medium, High) for Random Vibration, rather than Insurance Levels
   2. D6537
      1. Tracking data from Shock Testing
4. ISO Standards
   1. New area of Standards
   2. Looking for assistance from anyone that uses ISO Standards
5. Updated standards will be on the Website.

**Ideas for Future Meetings/Reasons for Joining TPC**

1. Want to use the TPC Group as a means of staying on top of today’s standards.
2. Set up a Sub-Committee to find experts in various packaging fields.
3. Set up a Group Question/Forum online, like LinkedIn uses.
4. Add interesting projects (case studies) from members to the Website.
5. A Focus Group to evaluate actual data from LTL Shipments.
   1. Qualitative versus Quantitative data
6. Discussion on Packaging Approval Testing with suppliers/vendors
   1. How to push testing upstream
   2. Independent testing sources

**Other Discussions**

1. **Next Meeting: 11:00 EST, December 3, 2014**
   1. Meeting time was requested to be earlier so other members in Europe can join.
2. Pack Expo comp code: **35H54**

Notes from the September 10, 2014, TPC Kick-Off Meeting as transcribed by:

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Attachments:

Packaging Guidelines Update

IoPP TPD Standards Updates 9\_10\_14

TPC IoPP

9-10-14 Conference Call Participants: If I missed your name, please let me know.

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| Adeola Akinola |
| Jeff Beckwith |
| Steven Brajcki |
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| Beth Feldkamp |
| Bill Green |
| AJ Gruber |
| Alex Hagedorn |
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| Dan Kelly |
| Chip Krieg |
| Dave Leinberger |
| Leslie Madden |
| Ryan Martin |
| Bob Meisner |
| Jeff Miller |
| Matt O'Brien |
| Marc Rundell |
| Chad Sevensma |
| Millie Simkins |
| Brian Woelfel |
| Larry Woods |
| Joe Zhou |
| Tom "Zip" Zibotn |
| Pat Laurie |
| Gordon Fredericks  Wayne Kneipp |