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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Colletion; Comment Request; Extension

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend through December 31, 2005 the current Paperwork Reduction Act (''PRA'') clearance for information collection requirements contained in its regulations under the Fair Packaging Labeling Act (''regulations''). That clearance expires on December 31, 2002.

DATES: Comments must be filed by September 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Secretary, Federal Trade Commission, Room H–159, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580. All comments should be captioned ''FPLA Regulations: Paperwork Comment,'' as appropriate. Comments in electronic form should be sent to: *FPLA pprwk@ftc.gov* as prescribed below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the proposed information requirements should be sent to Stephen Ecklund, Investigator, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326–2841.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. ''Collection of information'' means agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. 44 U.S.C. 3502(3); 5 CFR 1320.3(c). As required by section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB extend the existing paperwork clearance for the regulations noted herein.

The FTC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.,* permitting electronic submission of responses.

If a comment contains nonpublic information, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled ''confidential.'' Comments that do not contain any nonpublic information may instead be filed in electronic form (in ASCII format, WordPerfect, or Microsoft Word) as part of or as an attachment to email messages directed to the following e-mail box: *FPLA pprwk@ftc.gov.* Such comments will be considered by the Commission and will be available for inspection and copying at its principal office in accordance with section 4.9(b)(6)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Practice, 16 CFR section 4.9(b)(6)(ii).

The FPLA was enacted to eliminate consumer deception concerning product size representations and package content information. The regulations that implement the FPLA, 16 C.F.R. Parts 500–503, establish requirements for the manner and form of labeling applicable to manufacturers, packagers, and distributors of ''consumer commodities.'' [1] Section 4 of the FPLA specifically requires packages or labels to be marked with: (1) A statement of identity; (2) a net quantity of contents disclosure; and (3) the name and place of business of a company that is responsible for the product.

Estimated annual hours burden: 8,095,000 total burden hours (solely relating to disclosure [2]).

Staff conservatively estimates that approximately 809,500 manufacturers, packagers, distributors, and retailers of consumer commodities make disclosures at an average burden of ten hours per entity, for a total disclosure of 8,095,000 hours.

Estimated annual cost burden: $135,187,000, rounded (solely relating to labor costs).

The estimated annual labor cost burden associated with the FPLA disclosure requirements consists of an estimated hour of managerial and/or professional time per covered entity (at an estimated average hourly rate of $50) and nine hours of clerical time per covered entity (at an estimated average hourly rate of $13), for a total of $135,186,500 ($167 per covered entity × 809,500 entities).

Total capital and start-up costs are de minimis. For many years, the packaging and labeling activities that require capital and start-up costs have been performed by covered entities in the ordinary course of business independent of the FPLA and implementing regulations. Similarly, firms provide in the ordinary course of business the information that the statute and regulations require be placed on packages and labels.

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[1] ''Consumer commodity'' means any article, product, or commodity of any kind or class which is customarily produced or distributed for sale through retail sales agencies or instrumentalities for consumption by individuals, or use by individuals for purposes of personal care or in the performance of services ordinarily rendered within the household, and which usually is consumed or expended in the course of such consumption or use. 16 CFR 500.2(c). For the precise scope of the term's coverage see 16 CFR 500.2(c); 503.2; 503.5. See also *http://www.ftc.gov/os/statutes/fpla/outline.html.*

[2] To the extent that the FPLA-implementing regulations require sellers of consumer commodities to keep records that substantiate ''cents off,'' ''introductory offer,'' and/or ''economy size'' claims, staff believes that most, if not all, of the records that sellers maintain would be kept in the ordinary course of business, regardless of the legal mandates.

OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT ETHICS

Draft OGE Information Quality Guidelines

AGENCY: Office of Government Ethics (OGE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of Government Ethics announces that its draft Information Quality Guidelines have been posted on the OGE Web site. The Office of Government Ethics invites public comments on its draft guidelines and will consider the comments received in developing its final guidelines.

DATES: Comments are due on or before August 30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to: Mary T. Donovan, Office of Administration and Information Management, Office of Government Ethics, Suite 500, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005–3917. Comments may also be sent electronically to OGE's Internet E-mail address at *usoge@oge.gov* (for E-mail

messages, the subject line should include the following reference—''Draft OGE Information Quality Guidelines Comment'').

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary T. Donovan at the Office of Government Ethics; telephone: (202) 208–8000, ext. 1185; TDD 202–208–8025; FAX: 202–208–8037. A copy of the draft guidelines may be obtained, without charge, by contacting Ms. Donovan.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 515 of the Treasury & General Government Appropriations Act for FY 2001 (Public Law No. 106–554) requires each Federal agency to publish guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of the information it disseminates to the public. Agency guidelines must be based on government-wide guidelines issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). In compliance with this statutory requirement and OMB instructions, OGE has posted its draft Information Quality Guidelines on the OGE Internet Web site (*http://www.usoge.gov* under ''What's New!''). The draft guidelines describe the Agency's proposed procedures for ensuring the quality of information that it disseminates to the public and the proposed procedures by which an affected person could obtain correction of information disseminated by OGE that did not comply with the guidelines. The Office of Government Ethics invites public comments on its draft guidelines and will consider the comments received in developing its proposed final guidelines, which must be submitted to OMB for review.

Persons who cannot access the draft guidelines through the Internet may request a paper or electronic copy by contacting Ms. Donovan at the address, phone number, E-mail address, or FAX number listed above.

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Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of Government Ethics.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498–1210. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

National Survey for Laboratory Containment of Wild Polioviruses—New—National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Global polio eradication is anticipated within the next few years. The only sources of wild poliovirus will be in biomedical laboratories. Prevention of inadvertent transmission of polioviruses from the laboratory to the community is crucial.

The first step toward laboratory containment is a national survey of all biomedical laboratories. The survey will alert laboratories to the impending eradication of polio, encourage the disposition of all unneeded wild poliovirus infectious and potential infectious materials, and establish a national inventory of laboratories retaining such materials. Laboratories on the inventory will be kept informed of polio eradication progress and notified, when necessary, to implement biosafety requirements appropriate for the risk of working with such materials.

In June 2001, the Secretary for Health and Human Services, Tommy Thompson, declared in a letter to the Regional Director of the Pan American Health Organization that:

> The United States is fully committed to PAHO's Executive Committee Resolution CE126.R4 urging Member States ''to initiate activities related to the containment of any laboratory material that may harbor specimens of wild poliovirus.''

The Department of Health and Human Services proposes a national survey of all biomedical laboratories that may possess wild poliovirus infectious or potential infectious materials. An estimated 15,000 biomedical laboratories, in six categories of institutions: academic, federal government, hospital, industry, private, and state and local government facilities, will be included in the national survey.

The national survey instruments and logistics will be tested during the OMB approved Pilot Survey (OMB Number: 0920–0545), scheduled to begin May 2002. The survey instruments ask laboratories to indicate whether or not they possess wild poliovirus infectious and/or potential infectious materials. If such materials are present, respondents are asked to indicate the types of materials and estimated numbers retained. Survey instruments will be available on the NVPO Web page, and institutions will be encouraged to submit completed survey forms electronically. The annual burden for this data collection is 6,969 hours.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Laboratories	9,292	1	45/60