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AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: The following agenda of Commission proceedings is published in accordance with section 22(d)(1) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 57b-3(d)(1), and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, title II of Pub. L. 104-121, 110 Stat. 847. The Commission's agenda follows guidelines and procedures issued July 19, 2002, by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order No. 12866, "Regulatory Planning and Review" of September 30, 1993. 58 FR 51735 (October 4, 1993). This edition of the Unified Agenda of Federal Regulatory and Deregulatory Actions includes The Regulatory Plan, which appears in part II of this issue of the Federal Register. The Federal Trade Commission's Statement of Regulatory Priorities is included in part II.

The Commission has identified a rulemaking that is related to the events of September 11, 2001, because the USA PATRIOT Act, Pub.L. 107-56, 115 Stat. 272, amended the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act, 16 USC 6101-6108, and thus affects the Telemarketing Sales Rule, 16 CFR part 310.

The Commission has responded to the optional information requirement to identify rulemakings that are likely to have some impact on small entities but are not subject to the requirements of the RFA. The current rulemakings that are likely to have some impact on small entities include: (1) Smokeless Tobacco Rules, 16 CFR part 307; (2) the Pay-Per-

Call Rule, 16 CFR part 308; (3) Labeling Requirements for Alternative Fuels and Alternative-Fueled Vehicles, 16 CFR part 309; (4) the Telemarketing Sales Rule, 16 CFR part 310; (5) the Franchise and Business Opportunities Rule, 16 CFR part 436; (6) the Funeral Rule, 16 CFR part 453; (7) the Trade Regulation Rule on Ophthalmic Practice Rules, 16 CFR part 456; and (8) the Rule on Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation, 16 CFR part 460.

In addition, the agency has responded to the optional information requirement that corresponds to the requirements of Executive Order 13132, "Federalism" of August 4, 1999. 64 FR 43255 (Aug. 10, 1999). The Commission believes that none of the rules in this Agenda has "substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and the responsibilities among the various levels of government" within the meaning of E.O. 13132. The Commission continues to work closely with the States and other governmental units in its rulemaking process, which explicitly considers the effect of the agency's rules on these governmental entities.

In addition, the agency has responded to the optional information requirement that corresponds to the requirements of Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution or Use" of May 18, 2001. 66 FR 28355 (May 22, 2001). The Commission believes that none of the rules in this Agenda meets this Executive Order's criteria requiring preparation of a Statement of Energy Effects.

The agency also is conducting reviews of the Pay-Per-Call Rule as provided in the Rule and of the Telemarketing Sales Rule as required by the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse

Prevention Act, 15 USC 6101-6108. Most of the other reviews listed in the following agenda are being conducted as part of the Commission's plan to review and seek information about all of its regulations and guides, including their costs and benefits, and regulatory and economic impact every ten years. These reviews incorporate and expand upon the review required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act and regulatory reform initiatives directing agencies to conduct a review of all regulations and eliminate or revise those that are outdated or otherwise in need of reform.

Except for notice of completed actions, the information in this agenda represents the judgment of Commission staff, based upon information now available. Each projected date of action reflects an assessment by the FTC staff of the likelihood that the specified event will occur during the coming year. No final determination by the staff or the Commission respecting the need for, or the substance of, a trade regulation rule or any other procedural option should be inferred from the notation of projected events in this agenda. In most instances, the dates of future events are listed by month, not by a specific day. The acquisition of new information, changes of circumstances, or changes in the law may alter this information.

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By direction of the Commission.

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Federal Trade Commission—Prerule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
4193	Regulatory Review	3084-AA47
4194	Regulations Under the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act of 1986	3084-AA48
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4196	Trade Regulation Rule on Ophthalmic Practice Rules	3084-AA80
4197	Trade Regulation Rule on Funeral Industry Practices	3084-AA82

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
4199	Trade Regulation Rule on Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures	3084-AA63
4200	Trade Regulation Rule Pursuant to the Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act of 1992	3084-AA78
4201	Telemarketing Sales Rule	3084-AA86

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Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identification Number
4202	Privacy of Consumer Information—Security	3084-AA87

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Prerule Stage

4193. REGULATORY REVIEW

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 41 et seq

CFR Citation: 16 CFR 1 et seq

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Commission is continuing its review of current rules and guides to identify any that should be modified or rescinded. The Commission will continue to consider ways to streamline and improve the review program. On March 4, 2002, the Commission published a tentative timetable for its regulatory review program under which all of the Commission's rules and guides are reviewed over a ten year period, and announced that it will review one rule and one guide during 2002. 67 FR 9630 (Mar. 4, 2002). No determination about whether to modify or rescind a rule, guide or interpretation or any other procedural option should be inferred from the Commission's decision to publish a request for comments. In certain instances, the reviews may also address other specific matters or issues, such as proposed amendments. Finally, the Commission may modify the rule review timetable as circumstances warrant.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Rules and Guides to Review in 2000	01/19/00	65 FR 2912
Notice of Rules and Guides to Review in 2002	03/04/02	67 FR 9630
Notice of Rules and Guides to Review in 2003	01/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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4194. REGULATIONS UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE SMOKELESS TOBACCO HEALTH EDUCATION ACT OF 1986

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 4401

CFR Citation: 16 CFR 307

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act of 1986 requires health warnings on all packages and advertisements for smokeless tobacco. The Act directs the Commission to issue implementing Rules governing the format and display of the warnings. On November 4, 1986, the Commission issued its Rules setting out the provisions for the size, color, typeface, and rotation of the statutory warnings. In FY 2000, the Commission undertook a periodic review of the Rules. The purpose of the review was to determine whether the Rules continue to effectively meet the goals of the Act and to seek information concerning the Rules, particularly their economic impact, in order to decide whether they should be amended. Staff plans to forward its recommendations to the Commission early next year.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Recommendation to the Commission Regarding ANPRM (Regulatory Review)	01/27/00	
ANPRM (Regulatory Review)	03/07/00	65 FR 11944

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Action	Date	FR Cite
Comment Period End (Regulatory Review)	04/24/00	
Comment Period Extended (Regulatory Review)	05/08/00	65 FR 26534
Extended Comment Period End (Regulatory Review)	07/21/00	
Reopening and Extension of Comment Period	10/13/00	65 FR 60899
Extended Comment Period End	10/16/00	
Recommendation to Commission (Regulatory Review)	01/00/03	
Commission Action	04/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3084-AA48**4195. TRADE REGULATION RULE CONCERNING THE LABELING AND ADVERTISING OF HOME INSULATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 41 et seq**CFR Citation:** 16 CFR 460**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Federal Trade Commission's Trade Regulation Rule Concerning the Labeling and Advertising of Home Insulation (Rule) became effective on September 29, 1980. The Rule is designed to assist consumers in evaluating and comparing the thermal performance characteristics of competing home insulation products by specifically requiring manufacturers of home insulation products to provide information about the product's degree of resistance to the flow of heat (R-Value). The Rule also establishes uniform standards for testing, information disclosure, and substantiation of product performance claims. As part of the systematic review of its rules and guides, the Commission requested comments on, among other things, the economic impact of and the continuing need for this Rule, possible

conflicts between the Rule and State, local and other Federal laws, and the effect on the Rule of any technological, economic, or other industry changes. The Commission is considering the comments received in two parts. In part I, the Commission reviewed comments that addressed the current benefits, burdens, and need for the Rule and decided to retain the Rule with a few nonsubstantive amendments. In part II, the Commission is considering whether to adopt substantive revisions to the Rule. In response to the comments received, the Commission issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) seeking comment on whether it should initiate a rulemaking proceeding to amend the Rule to recognize technological advances in R-Value testing and specimen preparation procedures, and to clarify and streamline the Rule's requirements. Staff is currently reviewing the comments and expects to forward its recommendation to the Commission regarding proposed substantive amendments to the Rule and anticipates publication of the NPRM by March 2003.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Comments	04/06/95	60 FR 17492
Commission Action/Part I	03/28/96	61 FR 13659
Commission Action/ANPRM	09/01/99	64 FR 48023
ANPRM Comment Period End	11/15/99	
Recommendation to Commission	12/00/02	
Commission Action	03/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 3084-AA60**4196. TRADE REGULATION RULE ON OPHTHALMIC PRACTICE RULES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 41 et seq**CFR Citation:** 16 CFR 456**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Issued in 1978, the Trade Regulation Rule on Ophthalmic Practice Rules, also known as the Prescription Release Rule, provides that an optometrist or ophthalmologist must give the patient, at no extra cost, a copy of the eyeglass prescription immediately after the examination is completed. The Rule also prohibits optometrists and ophthalmologists from conditioning the availability of an eye examination, as defined by the Rule, on a requirement that the patient agrees to purchase ophthalmic goods from the optometrist or ophthalmologist, and from placing on the prescription, or delivering to the patient, certain disclaimers or waivers of liability. The Rule does not require an optometrist or ophthalmologist to release a contact lens prescription to a patient after an eye exam. As part of its systematic review of all Commission rules and guides, the Commission has requested comments on the economic impact of, and the continuing need for, this Rule, possible conflict between the Rule and State, local, or other Federal laws, and the effect on the Rule of any technological, economic, or other industry changes. Staff is evaluating the comments received and formulating a recommendation as to whether the Commission should retain the Rule or initiate a rulemaking to revise or repeal it.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Comments	04/03/97	62 FR 15865
Notice of Comment Period Extension	05/29/97	62 FR 29088
Comment Period End	09/02/97	
Recommendation to Commission	04/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None

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4197. TRADE REGULATION RULE ON FUNERAL INDUSTRY PRACTICES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 45; 15 USC 46(g); 15 USC 57(a)**CFR Citation:** 16 CFR 453**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Funeral Industry Practices Rule (Funeral Rule or Rule), which became effective in 1984, requires sellers of funeral goods and services to give price lists to consumers who visit a funeral home, and to disclose price and other information to callers who request it over the telephone. The Rule enables consumers to select and purchase only the goods and services they want, and requires funeral providers to seek authority before performing some services such as embalming. The Rule also requires funeral providers to make disclosures regarding any required purchases and prohibits misrepresentations regarding requirements and other aspects of funeral goods and services. In its 1994 review of the Rule, the Commission decided to retain the Rule, amended it to prohibit funeral providers from charging a "casket handling fee" in addition to any non-declinable basic-services fee and deleted certain affirmative telephone disclosure requirements. The Commission responded to requests to address emerging issues in the funeral industry by beginning a review of the Rule in 1998 rather than in 1999 as originally planned under its ten-year schedule for reviewing all Commission rules and guides. The Commission published a notice soliciting public comment in May 1999. Commission staff conducted a public workshop conference on

November 18, 1999, to discuss and explore openly issues raised in written comments. Staff is evaluating the comments and preparing a recommendation to the Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Recommendation to Commission Regarding Initial Notice for Comment	04/17/99	
Initial Notice for Public Comment	05/05/99	64 FR 24249
Close of Comment Period (Extended)	08/11/99	64 FR 35965
Public Workshop	11/18/99	64 FR 56717
Recommendation to Commission	03/00/03	
Commission Action	07/00/03	

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RIN: 3084-AA82**4198. • LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELS AND ALTERNATIVE-FUELED VEHICLES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 13232(a)**CFR Citation:** 16 CFR 309**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Rule, which became effective on November 20, 1995,

requires disclosure of appropriate cost and benefit information to enable consumers to make reasonable purchasing choices and comparisons between nonliquid alternative fuels as well as alternative-fueled vehicles. As part of its ongoing systemic review of all Federal Trade Commission rules and guides, the Commission plans to request comments on, among other things, the continuing need for this Rule; possible conflict between the Rule and State, local, or other Federal laws or regulations; and the effect on the Rule of any technological, economic, or other industry changes. No Commission determination on the need for or the substance of the Rule should be inferred from the intent to publish requests for comments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Comments	11/00/02	
Comment Period End	01/00/03	

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4199. TRADE REGULATION RULE ON FRANCHISING AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY VENTURES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 15 USC 41 to 58**CFR Citation:** 16 CFR 436**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Federal Trade Commission's Trade Regulation Rule on Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures (Franchise Rule) became

effective on October 21, 1979. The Rule is designed to reduce deceptive and unfair practices in the sale of franchises and business opportunities by requiring the pre-sale disclosure of material information about the franchise. For example, the Rule requires franchisors to disclose their business background and litigation history, as well as the number of failed and terminated franchise units. The Rule also requires the disclosure of material terms of the franchise relationship, such as

recurring fees and termination and renewal rights. The Rule further requires the franchisor to provide an audited financial statement for the most recent three fiscal years. Finally, the Rule requires any franchisor who makes earnings representations to provide the prospective franchisee with an earnings claims document that substantiates those claims. On February 28, 1997, the Commission published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) contemplating amendments

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that would address new technologies and market practices and at the same time, reduce unnecessary regulatory burdens. The Commission specifically requested comments on whether to revise the Rule to more closely align Federal and State disclosure requirements governing franchise sales, and to address changes in the marketing of franchises, such as the sale of franchises internationally and through the Internet. Six public workshops were held in five cities during 1997 to promote discussions about the issues; allow the public to make statements on the record; and assist Commission staff in drafting a proposed amended Rule. On October 22, 1999, the Commission published a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with a text of the revised Rule. Comments were accepted until December 21, 1999, and rebuttal comments were accepted until January 31, 2000. Commission staff is now preparing a staff report.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	02/28/97	62 FR 9115
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/31/97	62 FR 28822
Recommendation to Commission	03/26/99	
NPRM	10/22/99	64 FR 57293
NPRM Comment Period End	12/21/99	
NPRM Rebuttal Comment Period End	01/31/00	
Staff Report	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

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**4200. TRADE REGULATION RULE
PURSUANT TO THE TELEPHONE
DISCLOSURE AND DISPUTE
RESOLUTION ACT OF 1992**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 5701 et seq;
15 USC 5714(1)

CFR Citation: 16 CFR 308

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Congress enacted the Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act of 1992 (TDDRA) to curtail certain unfair and deceptive practices perpetrated by some pay-per-call businesses, and to encourage the growth of the legitimate pay-per-call industry. TDDRA mandated that the FTC promulgate a rule to curb these practices; the Pay-Per-Call or 900-Number Rule (Rule) became effective on November 1, 1993. TDDRA granted the Commission limited jurisdiction over common carriers for purposes of the Rule. The Rule requires that advertisements for 900-numbers contain certain disclosures; requires that anyone who calls a 900-number service be given the opportunity to hang up at the conclusion of the preamble without incurring any charge for the call; and establishes procedures for resolving billing disputes for 900-number calls and other telephone-billed purchases. The Rule itself required the Commission to initiate a review of the Rule prior to November 1997. As part of this review, the Commission published a notice in the Federal Register on March 12, 1997, requesting comments on, among other things, the economic impact of and the continuing need for the Rule, and the effect on the Rule of any technological or industry changes. The Commission also sought comments, pursuant to authority granted under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, on whether to expand the Rule to govern other similar audio information and entertainment services. Staff held a public workshop on June 19-20, 1997, during which members of the industry discussed issues raised in the comments, including billing and collection issues and possible ways to expand the definition of "pay-per-call services." Many commenters reported that the Rule has been successful in reducing the abuses that led to the passage of TDDRA. Despite the success of the Rule in correcting the abuses in the 900-number industry, complaints about other types of audiotext services (accessed via dialing patterns other than 900 numbers) are being reported. The majority of complaints now involve 800 numbers, international numbers, or other dialing patterns that do not use the 900-number prefix. Many consumer and law enforcement agencies also have been receiving complaints from consumers who have

discovered unexplained charges (in some cases, recurring charges) on their telephone bills for services that were never authorized, ordered, received, or used, a practice known as "cramming." On October 30, 1998, the Commission published an NPRM that would expand the definition of "pay-per-call" services beyond 900 numbers and that would implement measures to combat telephone bill cramming. The proposed revisions would: (1) require the express authorization of the person to be billed for the purchase of any "telephone-billed purchases" that cannot be blocked by 900-number blocking; (2) prohibit vendors from billing consumers for monthly or other recurring charges for pay-per-call services unless the vendor had entered into a "presubscription agreement" with the person to be billed and had sent the consumer a written copy of the agreement; and (3) give consumers legal recourse to dispute unauthorized charges crammed on phone bills and have those charges removed. The comment period was extended to March 10, 1999, and a workshop-conference was held on May 20-21, 1999. At the workshop, participants discussed issues raised by the comments, such as the meaning of "express authorization" and the requirements for a presubscription agreement. Staff plans to forward a recommendation to the Commission by early 2003.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Request for Comments	03/12/97	62 FR 11749
Comment Period End	05/12/97	
Public Workshop	06/19/97	
Public Workshop	06/20/97	
Recommendation to Commission	09/08/98	
NPRM	10/30/98	63 FR 58523
Comment Period Extended	01/04/99	64 FR 61
Comment Period End	01/08/99	
Public Workshop- Conference	02/25/99	
Extended Comment Period End	03/10/99	
Public Workshop	05/20/99	
Public Workshop	05/21/99	
Recommendation to Commission	01/00/03	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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4201. TELEMARKETING SALES RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 15 USC 6101 to 6108

CFR Citation: 16 CFR 310

Legal Deadline: Other, Statutory, December 31, 2000, Begin Rule Review and Report to Congress.

Abstract: In 1995, the Commission issued the Telemarketing Sales Rule (TSR or Rule), 16 CFR part 310, under the Telemarketing and Consumer Fraud and Abuse Prevention Act, 15 USC 6101-6108. TSR requires telemarketers to disclose information; prohibits misrepresentations; limits the times telemarketers may call consumers; prohibits calls to a consumer who has asked not to be called again; and sets payment restrictions for the sale of certain goods and services.

As required by the 1995 Act, the Commission is reviewing TSR to evaluate the Rule's operation and report to Congress. The Commission has issued a request for public comment on the Rule, its overall costs, benefits and its regulatory and economic impact since its adoption in 1995. As part of the review, the Commission held a public forum on January 11, 2000, addressing the operation of the Rule's "do-not-call" provision. Another public forum to discuss other provisions of TSR was held on July 27-28, 2000.

On October 25, 2001, President Bush signed the USA PATRIOT Act, P.L. 107-56, into law, with provisions that have significant impact on TSR. Section 1101 of the 2001 Act amends the Telemarketing Act to extend the

coverage of TSR to charitable fund raising conducted by for-profit telemarketers for, or on behalf of, charitable organizations.

On January 22, 2002, the Commission announced its proposal to amend the Rule and to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM). Among other things, the proposed Rule would establish a centralized national "do not call" registry, would prohibit telemarketers from receiving or sharing a consumer's billing information with anyone else, and would prohibit telemarketers from blocking "Caller ID" information. In addition, as mandated by Sec. 1011 of the USA PATRIOT Act, also referred to as the Crimes Against Charitable Americans Act of 2001, 15 USC 6101 note, the Commission's proposal would add certain disclosures and other requirements applicable to for-profit telemarketers who solicit charitable donations. Staff held a three-day public workshop from June 5-7, 2002, to discuss these and other proposed changes to the Rule. On May 24, 2002, the Commission also issued a related NPRM proposing that user fees be imposed on telemarketers and their seller or telemarketer clients for access to the national "do not call" registry in order to establish and maintain the registry. See 67 FR 37362 (May 29, 2002) Staff plans to forward its recommendations to the Commission by fall 2002.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Announcement of Public Forum re: "Do-Not-Call" Provision	11/24/99	64 FR 66124
Public Forum re "Do-Not-Call" Provision	01/11/00	
Request for Comments	02/28/00	65 FR 10428
Comment Period End	04/27/00	
Extension of Comment Period	05/05/00	65 FR 26161
Extended Comment Period End	05/30/00	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Public Forum	07/27/00	
Public Forum	07/28/00	
USA Patriot Act Enacted	10/25/01	
NPRM	01/30/02	67 FR 4492
NPRM Comment Period End	03/29/02	
Extension of Comment Period	04/03/02	67 FR 15767
Extended Comment Period End	04/15/02	
Related NPRM	05/29/02	67 FR 37362
Public Forum	06/05/02	
Public Forum	06/06/02	
Public Forum	06/07/02	
Related NPRM Comment Period End	06/28/02	
Recommendation to Commission	11/00/02	
Commission Action	12/00/02	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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4202. PRIVACY OF CONSUMER INFORMATION—SECURITY

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: PL 106-102, sec 501(b)

CFR Citation: 16 CFR 314

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On November 12, 1999, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (GLB) was enacted. The Act repealed the key provision of the Glass-Steagall Act, that

among other things, required the separation of banking, insurance, and securities institutions. Subtitle A (Disclosure of Nonpublic Personal Information) of title V (Privacy) limits the ability of the newly authorized

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financial institutions to disclose nonpublic personal information about consumers to nonaffiliated third parties, and requires them to disclose to consumers their privacy policies and practices respecting information shared with both affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties. The Commission issued the statutorily mandated Rule on the Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (Privacy Rule), 16 CFR part 313, on May 12, 2000. The Privacy Rule took effect on November 13, 2000, and full compliance was required on or before July 1, 2001.

In addition to the Privacy Rule, section 501 of subtitle A requires the agencies to establish appropriate standards for financial institutions to safeguard nonpublic personal information. In particular, section 501(b) of the Act requires the Commission to "establish appropriate standards for the financial institutions [subject to its jurisdiction] relating to administrative, technical, and physical safeguards." Section 501(b) sets out the objectives of these standards: (1) to insure the security and confidentiality of customer records and information; (2) to protect against any anticipated threats or hazards to the

security or integrity of such records; and (3) to protect against unauthorized access to or use of such records of information which could result in substantial harm or inconvenience to any customer. On September 7, 2000, the Commission issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) and a request for comments reopening its Safeguards Rule (to be codified at part 314). On August 7, 2001, the Commission published an NPRM. After analyzing over forty-four comments, the Commission issued its final rule on May 23, 2002. Like the proposal, the final rule requires each financial institution to develop a written information security program that is appropriate to its size and complexity, the nature and scope of its activities, and the sensitivity of the customer information at issue. The Commission believes that the final rule strikes an appropriate balance between allowing flexibility to financial institutions and establishing standards for safeguarding customer information that are consistent with GLB's requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM and Request for Comments	09/07/00	65 FR 54186
Extension of Comment Period	10/06/00	65 FR 59766
Comment Period End	10/10/00	
Extended Comment Period End	10/24/00	
Commission Action	07/30/01	
NPRM	08/07/01	66 FR 41162
NPRM Comment Period End	10/09/01	
Commission Action/Final Rule	05/23/02	67 FR 36483

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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