

**Recordkeeping:** Staff estimates that all 58 manufacturers will require 30 minutes to comply with the Rule's recordkeeping requirements for a total of 29 hours.

**Producing labels:** Staff estimates 2.5 hours as the average time required of manufacturers to produce labels for each of the five new AFV models introduced among them each year for a total of 12.5 hours.

**Posting labels:** Staff estimates 2 minutes as the average time to comply with the posting requirements for each of the approximately 30,000 new AFVs manufactured each year for a total of 1,000 hours.

**Sub-total:** Approximately 1,041 hours (29 + 12.5 + 1,000).

Thus, total burden for these industries combined is approximately 2,100 hours (1,050 + 1,041).

**Estimated labor costs:** \$47,000, rounded.

Labor costs are derived by applying appropriate hourly cost figures to the burden hours described above. According to Bureau of Labor Statistics staff, the average compensation for producers and distributors in the fuel industry is \$18.98 per hour and \$8.56 per hour for service station employees; the average compensation for workers in the vehicle industry is \$27.80 per hour.

**Non-liquid alternative fuels:**

**Certification and labeling:** Generally, all of the estimated hours except for recordkeeping will be performed by procedures and distributors of fuels. Thus, the associated labor costs would be \$16,512.60 (870 hours × \$18.98).

**Recordkeeping:** Only 1/6 of the total 180 hours will be performed by the producers and distributors of fuels; the other 5/6 is attributable to service station employees (1/6 = 30 hours × \$18.98 = \$569.40 + (5/6 = 150 hours × \$8.56 = \$1,284.00) = \$1,853.40, for an estimated labor cost to the entire industry of \$18,366.00.

**AFV manufacturers:**

The maximum labor cost to the entire industry is approximately \$28,939.80 per year for recordkeeping and producing and posting labels (1,041 total hours × \$27.80/hour).

Thus, estimated total labor cost for both industries for all paperwork requirements is \$47,000 (\$18,366.00 + \$28,939.80) per year, rounded to the nearest thousand.

**Estimated annual non-labor cost burden:** \$12,000, rounded.

**Non-liquid alternative fuels:**

Staff believes that there are no current start-up costs associated with the Rule, inasmuch as the Rule has been effective since 1995. Industry members, therefore, have in place the capital

equipment and means necessary, especially to determine automotive fuel ratings and comply with the Rule. Industry members, however, incur the cost of procuring fuel dispenser and AFV labels to comply with the Rule. The estimated annual fuel labeling cost, based on estimates of 500 fuel dispensers (assumptions: an estimated 20% of 1,250 total retailers need to replace labels in any given year given an approximate five-year life of labels—i.e., 250 retailers—multiplied by an average of two dispensers per retailer) at thirty-eight cents for each label (per industry sources), is \$190.00.

**AFV manufacturers:**

Here, too, staff believes that there are no current start-up costs associated with the Rule, for the same reasons as stated immediately above regarding the non-liquid alternative fuel industry. However, based on the labeling of an estimated 30,000 new and used AFVs each year at thirty-eight cents for each label (per industry sources), the annual AFV labeling cost is estimated to be \$11,400.

Thus, estimated total annual non-labor cost burden associated with the Rule is \$12,000 (\$190.00 + \$11,400.00), rounded to the nearest thousand.

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Delegation of Authority To Respond to Requests From Ireland's Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Delegation of authority.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has delegated authority to the Associate Director for International Consumer Protection to respond to disclosure and other requests from Ireland's Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Commission.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 2, 2003.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1961, 26 FR 6191, that the Commission has delegated to the Associate Director for International Consumer Protection the

authority to respond to disclosure and other requests from Ireland's Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs pursuant to a memorandum of understanding with the Commission about consumer protection information sharing and enforcement cooperation. This delegated authority does not apply to competition-related investigations. When exercising its authority under this delegation, staff may only disclose information regarding consumer protection investigations involving Ireland, and will require assurances of confidentiality from Ireland's Office of the Director of Consumer Affairs. Disclosures shall be made only to the extent consistent with current limitations on disclosure, including section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), section 21 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 57b-2, and Commission Rule 4.10(d), 16 CFR 4.10(d), and with the Commission's enforcement policies and other important interests. Where the subject matter of the information to be shared raises significant policy concerns, staff shall consult with the Commission before disclosing such information.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**

*Secretary.*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### Public Buildings Service

[Wildlife Order 185; 7-U-TX-1055]

### Matagorda Island Lighthouse Reservation, Matagorda Island, TX Transfer of Property

Pursuant to section 2 of Public Law 537, 80th Congress, approved May 19, 1948 (16 U.S.C. 667c), notice is hereby given that:

1. The General Services Administration transferred 15.29 acres of land and improvements, identified as Matagorda Island Lighthouse Reservation, Matagorda Island, TX to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior by transfer letter dated May 30, 2000.

2. The above property was conveyed for wildlife conservation in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of Public Law 80-537 (16 U.S.C. 667b), as amended by Public Law 92-432.