

reasonable testing program to support certificates of compliance with a consumer product safety standard. Section 14(b) of the CPSA allows firms which are required to issue certificates of compliance to use an independent third-party organization to conduct the testing required to support the certificate of compliance.

Section 16(b) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2065(b)) authorizes the Commission to issue rules to require establishment and maintenance of records necessary to implement the CPSA or determine compliance with rules issued under the authority of the CPSA. On December 22, 1992, the Commission issued rules prescribing requirements for a reasonable testing program to support certificates of compliance with the Safety Standard for Automatic Residential Garage Door Operators (57 FR 60449). These regulations also require manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of residential garage door operators to establish and maintain records to demonstrate compliance with the requirements for testing to support certification of compliance. 16 CFR Part 1211, Subparts B and C.

The Commission uses the information compiled and maintained by manufacturers and importers of residential garage door operators to protect consumers from risks of death and injury resulting from entrapment accidents associated with garage door operators. More specifically, the Commission uses this information to determine whether the products produced and imported by those firms comply with the standard. The Commission also uses this information to facilitate corrective action if any residential garage door operators fail to comply with the standard in a manner that creates a substantial risk of injury to the public.

B. Estimated Burden

The Commission staff estimates that about 14 firms are subject to the testing and recordkeeping requirements of the certification regulations. Information available to the Commission staff indicates that all of these firms use the services of an independent third-party organization to conduct the testing and maintain the records necessary to satisfy the requirements of the certification regulations.

The Commission staff estimates that after an initial one-time test to establish that a garage door operator complies with the requirements of the standard, the annual cost to a manufacturer or importer of garage door operators for the inspection and certification services of a third-party organization is

approximately \$1,200 per year. Thus, the total annual burden imposed by the certification regulations on all manufacturers and importers of garage door operators is about \$16,800.

During a typical year, the Commission will expend approximately one week of professional staff time reviewing records required to be maintained by the certification regulations for residential garage door operators. The annual cost to the Federal government of the collection of information in these regulations is estimated to be \$1,400.

C. Request for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed request for approval of the collection of information in the certification and recordkeeping regulations for residential garage door operators. The Commission specifically solicits information about the hourly burden and monetary costs imposed by the collection of information on firms subject to this collection of information. The Commission also seeks information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions;
- Whether the information will have practical utility for the Commission;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other form of information technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The topics to be covered are partnership successes within DoD and action items

related to the Defense Partnership Council Plan of Action.

DATES: The meeting is to be held Wednesday, March 6, 1996, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by March 1, 1996, in order to be considered at the March 6 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite interested persons and organizations to submit written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below. Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd, Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-6301, ext. 704.

Dated: February 6, 1996.

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Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on March 5, 1996; March 12, 1996; and March 26, 1996, at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman