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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request—Baby-Bouncers, Walker-Jumpers, and Baby-Walkers

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requests comments on a proposed reinstatement of approval of a collection of information from manufacturers and importers of children's articles called baby-bouncers, walker-jumpers, or baby-walkers. The collection of information consists of requirements that manufacturers and importers of these products must establish and maintain records of inspections, testing, sales, and distributions to demonstrate that the products are not banned by rules issued under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and codified at 16 CFR part 1500.

The CPSC will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting reinstatement of approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than April 15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Baby-Bouncers" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed reinstatement of approval of the collection of information, or to obtain a copy of 16 CFR part 1500, call or write Nicholas V. Marchica, Director, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0416, extension 2243.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Products called "baby-bouncers," "walker-

jumpers, or "baby-walkers" are intended to support children younger than two years of age while they sit, bounce, jump, walk, or recline. Regulations issued under provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261, 1262) establish safety requirements for these products.

A. Requirements for Baby-Bouncers, Walker-Jumpers, and Baby-Walkers

One CPSC regulation bans any such product if it is designed in such a way that exposed parts present hazards of amputations, crushing, lacerations, fractures, hematomas, bruises or other injuries to children's fingers, toes, or other parts of the body. 16 CFR 1500.18(a)(6).

A second CPSC regulation establishes criteria for exempting baby-bouncers, walker-jumpers, and baby walkers from the banning rule under specified conditions. 16 CFR 1500.86(a)(4). The exemption regulation requires certain labeling on these products and their packaging to identify the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor and the model number of the product. Additionally, the exemption regulation requires that records must be established and maintained for three years relating to testing, inspection, sales, and distributions of these products. The regulation does not specify a particular form or format for the records. Manufacturers and importers may rely on records kept in the ordinary course of business to satisfy the recordkeeping requirements if those records contain the required information.

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved the collection of information requirements in the regulations under control number 3041-0019. OMB's most recent extension of approval expired on May 31, 1992. The CPSC now proposes to request reinstatement of approval without change for the regulations' information collection requirements.

The safety need for this collection of information remains. Specifically, if a manufacturer or importer distributes products that violate the banning rule, the records required by section 1500.86(a)(4) can be used by the firm and the CPSC (i) to identify specific models of products which fail to comply with applicable requirements, and (ii) to notify distributors and retailers if the products are subject to recall.

B. Estimated Burden

The CPSC staff estimates that about 25 firms are subject to the testing and recordkeeping requirements of the regulations. The CPSC staff estimates

further that the burden imposed by the regulations on each of these firms is approximately 2 hours per year. Thus, the total annual burden imposed by the regulations on all manufacturers and importers is about 50 hours.

The CPSC staff estimates that the hourly wage for the time required to perform the required testing and to maintain the required records is about \$13, and that the annual total cost to the industry is approximately \$650. During a typical year, the CPSC will expend approximately two days of professional staff time reviewing records required to be maintained by the regulations for baby-bouncers, walker-jumpers, and baby-walkers. The annual cost to the Federal government of the collection of information in these regulations is estimated to be \$560.

C. Request for Comments

The CPSC solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed extension of approval of the collection of information in the regulations for baby-bouncers, walker-jumpers, and baby-walkers. The CPSC 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 CPSC also seeks information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the CPSC's functions;
- Whether the information will have practical utility for the CPSC;
- 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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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for Training and Technical Assistance for State Commissions

AGENCY: Corporation for National and
Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.