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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1700

Household Products Containing Petroleum Distillates and Other Hydrocarbons; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: There are child-resistant packaging standards in effect under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act ("PPPA") for some products that contain petroleum distillates or other hydrocarbons. In the **Federal Register** of February 26, 1997, the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC" or "Commission") published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking ("ANPR") requesting comments on whether additional products containing these substances should be subject to child-resistant packaging standards. 62 FR 8659.

As requested by the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association ("CSMA"), the Commission is extending the period for receiving written comments on the ANPR.

DATES: Written comments in response to the ANPR must be received by the Commission by July 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, preferably in five copies, should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; telephone (301) 504-0800. Alternatively, comments may be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Comments on ANPR for Petroleum Distillates."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Barone, Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0477, ext. 1196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Existing PPPA standards require child-resistant packaging for some products that contain petroleum distillates or other hydrocarbons. Aspiration of small amounts of these chemicals into the lung can cause chemical pneumonia, pulmonary damage, and death.

In the **Federal Register** of February 26, 1997, the CPSC published an ANPR that initiated a rulemaking proceeding to consider whether additional household products containing petroleum distillates and other hydrocarbons should be subject to PPPA standards. 62 FR 8659. The Commission solicited written comments from interested persons concerning these risks, the regulatory alternatives discussed in the ANPR, other possible means to address the risks, and the economic impacts of the various regulatory alternatives. The Commission provided for a 75-day comment period, which expires May 12, 1997.

CSMA requested a 60-day extension of the comment period, which it stated was needed due to the breadth of issues involved. CSMA also stated that additional time was needed to complete the processing of its request for CPSC documents.

CSMA represents many companies that manufacture products that contain petroleum distillates or other hydrocarbons. Therefore, the information that they can supply concerning these issues is important to the rulemaking. Accordingly, the Commission granted its request for an extension of the comment period, and extends the period for submission of written comments to July 11, 1997.

Dated: April 22, 1997.

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Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Chapter I

[Docket Nos. RM96-12-000 and RM97-4-000]

Pipeline Customer Coalition Petition for Expedited Complaint Procedures; Interstate Natural Gas Association of America Petition for Rulemaking

April 17, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE

ACTION: Petitions for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Two petitions for rulemaking have been filed with the Commission that propose certain procedures for the expedited consideration of complaints concerning the services of interstate natural gas pipelines. The Commission is providing a period for comment on these proposals.

DATES: Comments are due on or before May 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois D. Cashell, Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Take notice that on April 3, 1997, the Pipeline Customer Coalition (the Coalition) filed a petition in Docket No. RM96-12-000, requesting the Commission to adopt certain expedited procedures for the consideration of formal complaints concerning the services of interstate natural gas pipelines. Take notice also that on April 10, 1997, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) filed a petition in Docket No. RM97-4-000, requesting the Commission to adopt an alternative to the Coalition's proposal.

The Coalition's April 3, 1997 proposal amends an earlier filed petition submitted on May 31, 1996. The April 3 petition requests the adoption of regulations that would (1) require each interstate pipeline to include in its tariff a procedure for addressing informally whatever complaints are presented to it by any of its customers, (2) provide for