

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Petition Requesting Mandatory Fire Safety Standards for Candles and Candle Accessories (Petition No. CP 04-1/HP 04-1)

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) has received a petition (CP 04-1/HP 04-1) requesting that the Commission issue mandatory fire safety standards for candles and candle accessories. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive comments on the petition by June 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the petition, preferably in five copies, should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by facsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 04-1/HP 04-1, Petition for Fire Safety Standards for Candles and Candle Accessories." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland. The petition is also available on the CPSC Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-6833, e-mail rhammond@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received correspondence from the National Association of State Fire Marshals (NASFM) requesting that the Commission issue mandatory fire safety standards for candles and candle accessories including candleholders. Specifically, NASFM requests that the CPSC adopt standards substantially based on the requirements contained in ASTM International Provisional Specifications for Fire Safety for Candles (PS59-02).

In addition, NASFM requests that the standards incorporate:

1. Flammability performance requirements for candle accessories, including candleholders;

2. End of useful life requirements for freestanding, tealight, taper, and votive candles;

3. End of useful life requirements for votive candles and taper candles mounted in appropriate candleholders; and

4. Miscibility and flash point requirements for gel candles.

NASFM asserts that such standards are needed because of the inherent danger posed by candles with their open flames, coupled with the increase in residential fires caused by candles over the past decade. NASFM provided information concerning deaths and injuries involving home candle fires.

The NASFM request that the CPSC adopt a standard substantially based on the requirements contained in ASTM International Provisional Specifications for Fire Safety for Candles (PS59-02), and additional requested items 1., 2., and 3. set forth above, is docketed as petition number CP 04-1 under the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051-2084. The NASFM request for a standard addressing miscibility and flash point requirements for gel candles is docketed as petition number HP 04-1 under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, 15 U.S.C. 1261-1278.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. The petition is available on the CPSC Web site at www.cpsc.gov. A copy of the petition is also available for inspection from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dated: March 30, 2004.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service announces the proposed public

information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by June 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Military Pay Operations Directorate, Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DFAS-PMAC/CL, ATTN: Ms. Gail Halfacre, 1240 East 9th Street, Room 2381, Cleveland, Ohio 44199.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Gail Halfacre, (216) 204-3624.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Dependency Statements: Parent (DD Form 137-3), Child Born Out of Wedlock (DD Form 137-4), Incapacitated Child Over Age 21 (DD Form 137-5), Full Time Student 21-22 Years of Age (DD Form 137-6, and Ward of a Court (DD Form 137-7); OMB Number 0730-0014.

Needs and Uses: This information collection is used to certify dependency or obtain information to determine entitlement to basic allowance for housing (BAH) with dependent rate, travel allowance, or Uniformed Services Identification and Privilege Card. Information regarding a parent, a child born out-of-wedlock, an incapacitated child over age 21, a student age 21-22, or a ward of a court is provided by the military member or by another individual who may be a member of the public. Pursuant to 37 U.S.C. 401, 403, 406, and 10 U.S.C. 1072 and 1076, the member must provide more than one half of the claimed child's monthly expenses. DoDFMR 7000.14, Vol. 7A, defines dependency and directs that dependency be proven. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. The requirement to provide the information decreases the possibility of monetary allowances