

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

being approved on behalf of ineligible dependents.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Annual Burden Hours: 24,300 hours.

Number of Respondents: 19,440.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 1.25 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

When military members apply for benefits, they must complete the form which corresponds to the particular dependent situation (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). While members usually complete these forms, they can also be completed by others considered members of the public. Dependency claim examiners use the information from these forms to determine the degree of benefits. Without this collection of information, proof of an entitlement to a benefit would not exist. The requirement to complete these forms helps alleviate the opportunity for fraud, waste, and abuse of dependent benefits.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense will submit to OMB for emergency processing, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 12, 2004.

Title and OMB Number: Viability of TRICARE Standard Survey; OMB Number 0720– [To Be Determined].

Type of Request: New Collection; Emergency processing requested with a shortened public comment period of five days. An approval date by April 9, 2004, has been requested.

Number of Respondents: 9,360.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 9,360.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 2,340.

Needs and Uses: The Health Program Analysis and Evaluation Directorate (HPAE) under authority of the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs)/TRICARE Management Activity will undertake an evaluation of the Department of Defense's TRICARE Standard healthcare option. HPAE will collect and analyze data that are necessary to meet the requirements outlined in Section 723 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Activities include the collection and analysis of data obtained from civilian physicians (MD.s & D.O.s) within U.S. TRICARE market areas. Specifically, telephone surveys of civilian providers will be conducted in the TRICARE market areas to determine how many healthcare providers are accepting new patients under TRICARE Standard in each market area. The telephone surveys will be conducted in at least 20 TRICARE market areas in the United States each fiscal year until all market areas in the United States have been surveyed. In prioritizing the order in which these market areas will be surveyed, representatives of TRICARE beneficiaries will be consulted in identifying locations with historical evidence of access-to-care problems under TRICARE Standard. These areas will receive priority in surveying. Information will be collected telephonically to determine the number of healthcare providers that currently accept TRICARE Standard beneficiaries as patients under TRICARE Standard in each market area. Providers will also be asked if they would accept TRICARE Standard beneficiaries as new patients under TRICARE Standard. Analyses and reports will include all legislative requirements.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: Semi-Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. John Kraemer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Kraemer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD Health Affairs, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments and recommendations can be sent directly to the program office to Michael Hartzell, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF, BSC, Health Program Analysis and Evaluation/TMA, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, VA 22041–3206.

DoD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/ESCD/ Information Management Division, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 504, Arlington, VA 22202–4326; or by Fax at (703) 604–1514.

Dated: March 30, 2004.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Corrosion Control will meet in closed sessions on May 24–25, 2004, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will address corrosion control throughout a combat system's life cycle: Design, construction, operation and maintenance.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Task Force will assess current on-going corrosion control efforts across the Department of Defense with particular attention to: duplication of research efforts; application of current and future technology which currently exists in one area to other areas (*i.e.*, submarine applications which might translate to aircraft applications); the current state of operator and maintenance personnel training with regards to corrosion control and prevention; the current state of maintenance processes with regards to corrosion control and prevention; the incorporation of corrosion control and maintainability in current acquisition programs (during the design and manufacturing stages); the identity of unique environments important to National Security but with little commercial application (*e.g.*, nuclear weapons). The Task Force will conduct an analysis of the findings generated and determine which areas, if adequate resources were applied, would provide the most significant advances in combat readiness. In addition, the Task Force