

accomplish any of the purposes of the CEA.

The Commission is considering the costs and benefits of an exemptive order in light of the specific provisions of Section 15(a) of the CEA, as follows:

1. *Protection of market participants and the public.* The contracts that are the subject of the exemption request will only be entered into by persons who are "appropriate persons" as set forth in Section 4(c) of the CEA.

2. *Efficiency, competition, and financial integrity.* Extending the exemption granted under Part 35 to the OTC wheat calendar swaps to allow them to be cleared may promote liquidity and transparency in the markets for OTC wheat derivatives as well as wheat futures. Extending the exemption also may promote financial integrity by providing the benefits of clearing to the OTC wheat market.

3. *Price discovery.* Price discovery may be enhanced through market competition.

4. *Sound risk management practices.* Clearing of OTC transactions may foster risk management by the participant counterparties. KCBTCC's risk management practices in clearing these transactions would be subject to the Commission's supervision and oversight.

5. *Other public interest considerations.* The requested exemption may encourage market competition in an agricultural derivatives product without unnecessary regulatory burden.

After considering these factors, the Commission has determined to seek comment on the exemption request as discussed above. The Commission also invites public comment on its application of the cost-benefit provisions of Section 15.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 6, 2009 by the Commission.

David A. Stawick,

Secretary of the Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2009-0093]

Proposed Extension of Approval of Information Collection; Comment Request—Consumer Opinion Forum

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C.

Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) requests comments on a proposed extension of approval of a collection of information from persons who may voluntarily register and participate in a Consumer Opinion Forum posted on the CPSC Web site, <http://www.cpsc.gov>. The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension 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 January 12, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2009-0093, by any of the following methods:

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

To ensure timely processing of comments, the Commission is no longer accepting comments submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) except through <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Submit written submissions in the following way:

Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions), preferably in five copies, to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received may be posted without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information electronically. Such information should be submitted in writing.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed collection of information call or write Linda L. Glatz, Division of Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology and Technology Services, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7671 or by e-mail to lglatz@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Commission is authorized under section 5(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2054(a), to conduct studies and investigations relating to the causes and prevention of deaths, accidents, injuries, illnesses, other health impairments, and economic losses associated with consumer products. Section 5(b) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2054(b), further provides that the Commission may conduct research, studies and investigations on the safety of consumer products or test consumer products and develop product safety test methods and testing devices.

In order to better identify and evaluate the risks of product-related incidents, the Commission staff seeks to solicit consumer opinions and perceptions related to consumer product use, on a voluntary basis, through questions posted on the CPSC's Consumer Opinion Forum. Through the forum, consumers will be able to answer questions and provide information regarding their experiences, opinions and/or perceptions on the use or pattern of use of a specific product or type of product. The Consumer Opinion Forum is intended for consumers, 18 years and older, who have access to the Internet and e-mail, who voluntarily register to participate through a participant registration process, and respond to the questions posted in the Consumer Opinion Forum. A link to the Consumer Opinion Forum login page is available on the CPSC Web site, <http://www.cpsc.gov>. Consumers may link directly to the login page for the Consumer Opinion Forum at <https://www.cpsc.gov/cgi-bin/cof/login.aspx>. When new questions are posted on the CPSC Web site, registered participants will be invited via e-mail to respond to various questions, but not more frequently than once every four weeks.

The information collected from the Consumer Opinion Forum will help inform the Commission's evaluation of consumer products and product use by providing insight and information into consumer perceptions and usage patterns. Such information may also assist the Commission in its efforts to support voluntary standards activities, and help the staff identify areas regarding consumer safety issues that need additional research. In addition, based on the information obtained, the staff may be able to provide safety information to the public that is easier to read and is more easily understood by a wider range of consumers. For example, the staff may be able to propose new language or revisions to existing language in warning labels or

manuals if the staff finds that certain warning language is perceived by many participants to be unclear or subject to misinterpretation. Finally, the Consumer Opinion Forum may be used to solicit consumer opinions and feedback regarding the effectiveness of product recall communications and in determining what action is being taken by consumers in response to such communications and why. This may aid in tailoring future recall activities to increase the success of those activities. If this information is not collected, the Commission would not have available useful information regarding consumer experiences, opinions, and perceptions related to specific product use, which the Commission relies on in its ongoing efforts to improve the safety of consumer products on behalf of consumers.

B. Estimated Burden

During the past two years, 2,300 individuals have registered to participate in the Consumer Opinion Forum. Although the registration is still open, the Commission staff does not expect the number of registrants will exceed 5,000 over the next few years. The Commission staff estimates that each respondent will take 10 minutes or less to complete the one-time registration process. Based on that estimate, the registration burden is estimated to have been approximately 192 burden hours per year for 2,300 registrants.

The Commission staff further estimates that the amount of time required to respond to each set of questions on the Consumer Opinion Forum will be 5 minutes or less. The Commission staff foresees the possibility of up to 4 surveys per year. If, at the maximum, each respondent responds to 4 sets of questions over the course of a year, the yearly burden would result in approximately 20 minutes per year for each respondent. Based on an estimated 44 percent response rate for 2,300 potential respondents, the annual burden could total 337 hours. If as many as 5,000 registrants respond, the Commission staff estimates that the annual burden could total approximately 733 hours per year (44 percent response rate for 5,000 potential respondents at 5 minutes per survey for four surveys).

The Commission staff estimates that the total estimated burden for new registrations and surveys, combined, will not exceed 925 hours annually (no more than 733 hours for four surveys per year, plus no more than 192 hours for new registrations). The Commission staff estimated the value of the time of

respondents to this collection of information at \$29.39 an hour. This is based on the 2009 U.S. Department of Labor Employer Costs for Employee Compensation. At this valuation, the estimated annual cost to the public of this information collection will be about \$27,000 per year.

The Commission will expend approximately 1 month of professional staff time annually for preparing questions and analysis of responses for each survey. Assuming that 4 surveys will be conducted annually, (and 4 staff months) the total annual cost to the Federal government of the collection of information is estimated to be \$55,360.

C. Request for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. The Commission specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;

- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;

- 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 forms of information technology.

Dated: November 9, 2009.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. CPSC-2009-0095]

Notice of Workshop on Product Testing

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC, Commission, we) is announcing a two-day workshop to discuss issues relating to the testing, certification, and labeling of certain consumer products pursuant to section

14 of the Consumer Product Safety Act. We invite interested parties to participate in or attend the meeting and to submit comments. The workshop will be held in Bethesda, Maryland on December 10 through 11, 2009.

DATES: The workshop will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009, and Friday, December 11, 2009.

Comments must be received by January 11, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at CPSC's headquarters building at 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, 4th Floor Hearing Room. There is no charge to attend the workshop. Persons interested in attending the workshop must register online at <http://www.cpsc.gov> and click on the link titled, "CPSC Staff Workshop: Product Testing" under the "What's Hot" portion of the website near the bottom of the CPSC's home page. This link also has more information about the workshop.

You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2009-0095, by any of the following methods:

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