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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday April 30, 2010.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, April 9, 2010.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, April 2, 2010.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, 2010.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., March 19, 2010.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday April 23, 2010.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2009-0088]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act; Consumer Product Conformity Assessment Body Registration Form

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is announcing that a proposed new collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Fax written comments on the collection of information by April 26, 2010.

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: CPSC Desk Officer, FAX: 202-395-6974, or e-mailed to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov. All comments should be identified with the title "Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act; Consumer Product Conformity Assessment Body Registration Form." Also include the CPSC docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Glatz, Division of Policy and Planning, Office of Information Technology and Technology Services, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7671, lglatz@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, the CPSC has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance: Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act; Consumer Product Conformity Assessment Body Registration Form—New Proposed Collection

A. Background

The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (“CPSIA” or “Act”) was signed into law on August 14, 2008 (Pub. L. 110–314). Section 102 of the CPSIA requires third party testing for any children’s product that is subject to a children’s product safety rule. Such third party testing of children’s products must be completed before importing for consumption or warehousing or distributing the children’s product in commerce. Every manufacturer of such children’s products (and the private labeler of such children’s product if the product bears a private label) must submit samples for testing to a third party conformity assessment body which is accredited under requirements established by the Commission. The third party conformity assessment body will test such samples for compliance with applicable children’s product safety rules. Based on this testing, the manufacturer or private labeler must issue a certificate that certifies that the children’s product complies with all applicable children’s product safety rules.

Section 14(f)(2)(A) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (as amended by section 102(b) of the CPSIA) defines a third party conformity assessment body as one that is not owned, managed, or controlled by the manufacturer or private labeler of a product to be assessed by such conformity assessment body. A conformity assessment body that is owned, managed, or controlled by a manufacturer or a private labeler may, in certain specified circumstances, be accredited as a third party conformity assessment body. The CPSIA also refers to such entities as “firewalled conformity assessment bodies.” Additionally, the CPSIA specifies that, under certain conditions, a third party conformity assessment body may include a government-owned or government-controlled entity.

The CPSIA provides that accreditation of third party conformity assessment bodies may be conducted either by the Commission or by an independent accreditation organization designated by the Commission. The Commission must maintain an up-to-date list of entities that have been accredited to assess compliance with children’s product safety rules on its Web site.

The CPSC uses an online collection form, CPSC Form 223, to gather information from third party conformity assessment bodies voluntarily seeking recognition by CPSC. The information collected relates to location, accreditation, and ownership. The

Commission staff will use this information to assess:

- A third party conformity assessment body’s status as either an independent third party conformity assessment body, a government-owned or government-controlled conformity assessment body, or a firewalled conformity assessment body;
- Qualifications for recognition by CPSC to test for compliance to specified children’s product safety rules; and
- Eligibility for recognition on the CPSC Web site.

The collection of this information on CPSC Form 223 is required: (1) Upon initial application by the third party conformity assessment body for recognition by CPSC (“initial registrations”); (2) at least every 2 years as part of a regular audit process (“re-registrations”); and (3) whenever a change to accreditation or ownership information occurs (“information changes”).

In the **Federal Register** of October 29, 2009 (74 FR 55817) the CPSC published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. One comment was received which addresses several issues. A summary of each issue identified in the comment (identified by “Comment”) and a response (identified by “Response”) to each appears below.

Comment 1: Form 223 needs better explanation to help companies, manufacturers, or laboratories complete the form.

Response: The current instructions for the form provide sufficient clarity for the relatively narrow group of intended users of the form, which is third party conformity assessment bodies (also known commonly as testing laboratories or third party laboratories). In general, neither manufacturers nor companies complete the form (other than for firewalled conformity assessment bodies). Based on CPSC staff experience with the laboratory applications submitted through Form 223, the vast majority of applicants appear to have a good understanding of the form’s purpose and how to complete the form. An applicant who has questions regarding the form can submit them to a CPSC email address, and CPSC staff monitors and responds to these emails. If applicants raise issues for which changes to the form’s instructions would increase clarity, the CPSC will make these adjustments.

Comment 2: Information on total time in business and formal complaints against the company or manufacturer and laboratory would be beneficial.

Response: The information sought by the comment is beyond the scope and

purpose of Form 223. The form’s primary purpose is to receive applications from testing laboratories for staff evaluation with the CPSC-established criteria for acceptance of third party testing laboratories for purposes of testing children’s products to certain safety rules enforced by the Commission. Section 14(a)(3)(E) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, as amended, requires the Commission to “maintain on its Internet Web site an up-to-date list of entities that have been accredited to assess conformity with children’s product safety rules.” The CPSC has other mechanisms for collecting product safety-related complaints through the agency’s Web site, hotline, or by mail.

Comment 3: Form 223 should incorporate filter and blocking software, and the CPSC should install safeguards to prevent identity theft or corporate espionage from occurring.

Response: CPSC computer systems receive regular security audits and have been certified for operation. The CPSC observes all industry and Federal government best practices for network security. CPSC staff regularly analyzes its systems for vulnerabilities and malware, and monitor the network for real-time intrusion attempts.

B. Estimated Burden

The CPSC staff estimates a total reporting burden of approximately 451 hours. This reporting burden is broken down into the categories of submissions as follows: (1) Initial registrations—300 hours, (2) re-registrations—150 hours, and (3) information changes—.75 hours, for a total of 450.75 hours, which the Commission will round up to 451 hours.

*Initial Registrations—*The Commission tentatively estimates that 300 third party conformity assessment bodies will register initially, with each response taking 1 hour for a total of 300 reporting hours (300 third party conformity assessment bodies × 1 hour = 300 hours). The 300 entity estimate is based on the fact that, by June 5, 2009, 153 third party conformity assessment bodies had already registered with the CPSC. The Commission expects to receive additional registrations, which will be further increased by a notice of requirement for “all other children’s product safety rules” pursuant to section 14(a)(3)(B)(vi) of the CPSA.

*Re-Registrations—*Under a separate proposed rule issued by the Commission on August 13, 2009 (74 FR 40784), third party conformity assessment bodies would be required to re-register using CPSC Form 223 every two years as part of the audit process required by section 14(d)(1) of the

CPSA. Because not all third party conformity assessment bodies will first submit CPSC Form 223 at the same time, only some entities will re-register using CPSC Form 223 in any given year. Because the Commission does not know how many entities will re-register in any given year, for the purposes of this analysis, the Commission estimates that half of the third party conformity assessment bodies will re-register using CPSC Form 223 in any given year, for a total of 150 Re-Registrations per year (300 total third party conformity assessment bodies \times 0.5 = 150 re-registrations per year). The reporting burden for each re-registration is estimated to be one hour, making the total reporting burden for all re-registrations per year 150 hours (150 re-registrations \times 1 hour per re-registration = 150 hours).

Information Changes—Finally, under the same separate proposed rule noted above, third party conformity assessment bodies would be required to ensure that the information submitted on CPSC Form 223 remains current. Any changes in information must be submitted on a new CPSC Form 223. Based on current experience, the Commission estimates that only one percent of third party conformity assessment bodies will revise or update their information yearly, so the estimated number of respondents is 3 (300 third party conformity assessment bodies \times 0.01 = 3 information changes per year). Because information changes in most cases will likely only involve updating a phone number or contact person, the estimated reporting burden is 15 minutes per update, for a total reporting burden of 45 minutes per year (3 information changes \times 0.25 hours = 0.75 hours per year).

Estimated Total Cost Burden on Respondents—Assuming that CPSC Form 223 will be submitted by someone at the level of a general or operations manager at each third party conformity assessment body, at a median compensation (wages and benefits) of \$68 per hour, the total cost burden to the respondents is estimated to be \$30,668 (\$68 \times 451 hours).

Estimated Annualized Cost Burden to the Federal Government—The Commission estimates 150 re-registrations per year. Re-registrations will require review by a CPSC staff member with an average rate of pay of \$67/hour (the approximate hourly compensation (wages and benefits) of a GS-13 step 5 employee). Re-registration review involves a thorough review of the accreditation certificate and scope documents provided by the third party conformity assessment body to ensure,

among other things, that the accreditations are current, are to the ISO Standard ISO/IEC 17025:2005, “General Requirements for the Competence of Testing and Calibration Laboratories,” and include the appropriate test methods. The review is estimated to take an average of 1.75 hours per submission. Thus, the annualized cost to the Federal government is estimated to be approximately \$17,588 (150 re-registrations \times 1.75 hours \times \$67 = \$17,587.50 per year).

Additional costs to the Federal government associated with information changes submitted on CPSC Form 223 will be negligible. The Commission estimates that 15 minutes will be spent reviewing each update. The annualized cost to the Federal government is estimated to be approximately \$50 (3 information changes \times 0.25 hours \times \$67 = \$50.25 per year).

Dated: March 18, 2010.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Postsecondary Education Overview Information; Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—Special Focus Competition: The U.S.-Russia Program: Improving Research and Educational Activities in Higher Education; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2010.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.116S.

Dates: Applications Available: March 25, 2010.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: May 18, 2010.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: July 19, 2010.

Full Text of Announcement

I. Funding Opportunity Description

Purpose of Program: The U.S.-Russia Program encourages cooperative education programs between institutions of higher education (IHEs) in the Russian Federation and the United States of America. The objective of this program is to provide grants that demonstrate partnerships between Russian and American IHEs that contribute to the development and promotion of educational opportunities between the two nations. The aim is to use the educational content as the

vehicle for learning languages, cultural appreciation, sharing knowledge, and forming long-term relationships between the two countries. In the context of the modern international society and a global economy, an understanding of the cultural context plays a vital role in education and training.

Applications are invited from IHEs with the capacity to contribute to a collaborative project with Russian IHEs. This program is designed to support the formation of educational consortia of American and Russian IHEs to encourage mutual socio-cultural-linguistic cooperation; the joint development of curricula, educational materials, and other types of educational and methodological activities; and related educational student and staff mobility (exchanges).

Priorities: This competition includes one absolute priority and one invitational priority.

Absolute Priority: This priority is from the notice of final priorities for this program, published in the Federal Register on December 11, 2009 (74 FR 65764). For FY 2010 this priority is an absolute priority. Under 34 CFR 75.105(c)(3) we consider only applications that meet this priority.

This priority is:

This priority supports the formation of educational consortia of U.S. and Russian institutions to encourage mutual socio-cultural-linguistic cooperation; the coordination of joint development of curricular, educational materials; and the exchange of students. In order to be eligible for an award under this priority, the applicant in the U.S. must be a U.S. institution and the applicant in Russia must be a Russian institution. Russian institutions will receive separate but parallel funding from the Russian Ministry of Education and Science.

An interested American IHE must form a consortium with one or more of the following Russian IHEs:

(1) Moscow State Technical University; 105005, Moscow, 2 Baumanskaia str,5; POC: Irina Chubukova, Head, Office of International Projects; Ph. +7-499-2636218, E-mail: ichubukova@bmstu.ru.
(2) Tomsk Politechnical University, 634050, Tomsk, Lenin av., 30; POC: Gromov Alexander, Deputy Vice Rector; Ph. +7-3822-701776, E-mail: gromov@tpu.ru.

(3) Kazan State Technical University; 420111, Karl Marks str., 10, Kazan; POC: Lanbaev Fatih, Ph. +7-843-2389159, E-mail: aikum_fr@mail.ru.

(4) Saint-Petersburg State University of Information Technologies,