

testimony and production of documents in legal proceedings, reports of unauthorized testimony, employee indemnification, and filing claims against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2672) and the corresponding Department of Justice regulations (28 CFR part 14). The public may also petition the USPTO Office of General Counsel under 37 CFR 104.3 to waive or suspend these rules in extraordinary cases.

The procedures under 37 CFR part 104 ensure that service of process intended for current and former employees of the USPTO is handled properly. The USPTO will only accept service of process for an employee acting in an official capacity. This collection is necessary so that respondents or their representatives can serve a summons or complaint on the USPTO, demand employee testimony and documents related to a legal proceeding, or file a claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Respondents may also petition the USPTO to waive or suspend these rules for legal processes. This collection is also necessary so that current and former USPTO employees may properly forward service and demands to the Office of General Counsel, report unauthorized testimony, and request indemnification. The USPTO covers current employees as respondents under this information collection even though their responses do not require approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In those instances where both current and former employees may respond to the USPTO, the agency estimates that the number of respondents will be small.

There are no forms provided by the USPTO for this collection. For filing claims under the Federal Tort Claims Act, the public may use Standard Form 95 "Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death," which is provided by the Department of Justice and approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 1105-0008.

**Affected Public:** Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; and the Federal Government.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

**OMB Desk Officer:** Nicholas A. Fraser, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- **Email:** [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0046" in the subject line of the message.

- **Mail:** Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 21, 2016 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: September 15, 2016.

**Marcie Lovett**

*Records Management Division Director,  
OCIO, United States Patent and Trademark  
Office.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Renewal of the Agricultural Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) is publishing this notice to announce the renewal of the Agricultural Advisory Committee (AAC). The Commission has determined that the renewal of the AAC is necessary and in the public's interest, and the Commission has consulted with the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat regarding the AAC's renewal.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cory Claussen, AAC Designated Federal Officer, at 202-418-5383 or [cclaussen@cftc.gov](mailto:cclaussen@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AAC's objectives and scope of activities are to assist the Commission in assessing issues affecting agricultural producers, processors, lenders and others interested in or affected by the agricultural commodity derivatives markets through public meetings, and Committee reports and recommendations. The AAC will operate for two years from the date of renewal unless the Commission directs that the AAC terminate on an earlier date. A copy of the AAC renewal charter has been filed with the Commission; the Senate Committee on Agriculture,

Nutrition and Forestry; the House Committee on Agriculture; the Library of Congress; and the General Services Administration's Committee Management Secretariat. A copy of the renewal charter will be posted on the Commission's Web site at [www.cftc.gov](http://www.cftc.gov).

Dated: September 16, 2016.

**Christopher J. Kirkpatrick,**  
*Secretary of the Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2009-0102]

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Follow-Up Activities for Product-Related Injuries

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of a collection of information from persons who have been involved in or have witnessed incidents associated with consumer products.

**DATES:** Written comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by October 21, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** 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 emailed to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov). All comments should be identified by Docket No. CPSC-2009-0102. In addition, written comments also should be submitted at <http://www.regulations.gov>, under Docket No. CPSC-2009-0102, or by mail/hand delivery/courier (for paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions), preferably in five copies, to: Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert H. Squibb, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East

West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: 301-504-7923 or by email to [rsquibb@cpsc.gov](mailto:rsquibb@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the *Federal Register* of June 22, 2016 (81 FR 40677), the CPSC published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) to announce the CPSC's intention to seek extension of approval of a collection of information on product-related injuries or incidents. No comments were received in response to that notice. Therefore, by publication of this notice, the Commission announces that it has submitted to OMB a request for extension of approval of that collection of information without change.

### A. Background

Section 5(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2054(a), requires the Commission to collect information related to the causes and prevention of death, injury, and illness associated with consumer products. That section also requires the Commission to conduct continuing studies and investigations of deaths, injuries, diseases, other health impairments, and economic losses resulting from accidents involving consumer products.

The Commission obtains information about product-related deaths, injuries, and illnesses from a variety of sources, including newspapers, death certificates, consumer complaints, and medical facilities. In addition, the Commission receives information through its Internet Web site through forms reporting on product-related injuries or incidents.

The Commission also operates a surveillance system known as the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS) that provides timely data on consumer product-related injuries treated as well as U.S. childhood poisonings. NEISS data comes from a statistically valid sample from approximately 100 hospital emergency departments. The NEISS system has been in operation since 1971. NEISS emergency department records are reviewed by hospital employees or contractors (NEISS respondents).

From these sources, Commission staff selects cases of interest for further investigation by face-to-face or telephone interviews with persons who witnessed, or were injured in, incidents involving consumer products. The CPSC plans to begin conducting investigations through internet-based questionnaires in the next year to supplement telephone interviews. On-site investigations are usually made in cases where CPSC staff

need photographs of the incident site, the product involved, or detailed information about the incident. This information can come from face-to-face interviews with persons who were injured or who witnessed the incident, as well as contact with state and local officials, including police, coroners, and fire investigators, and others with knowledge of the incident.

The Commission uses the information to support the development and improvement of voluntary standards; rulemaking proceedings; information and education campaigns; compliance and enforcement efforts and related administrative and judicial proceedings. Commission activities are, in many cases, data driven, and incident data is crucial in advancing the agency's mission. In addition, the CPSC also collects information through NEISS for other federal agencies through Interagency Agreements including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

OMB approved the collection of information concerning product-related injuries under control number 3041-0029. OMB's most recent extension of approval will expire on September 30, 2016. The Commission now proposes to request an extension of approval of this collection of information.

### B. NEISS Estimated Burden

The NEISS system collects information on consumer-product related injuries from about 100 hospitals in the U.S. Respondents to NEISS include hospitals that directly report information to NEISS and hospitals that allow CPSC contractors to collect the data on behalf of the agency. In FY 2015, there were 137 NEISS respondents (total hospitals and CPSC contractors). The NEISS respondents reviewed an estimated 5.05 million emergency department records and reported 739,673 total cases.

Collecting emergency department records for review each day takes about 10 minutes. Each record takes about 30 seconds to review. Coding and reporting records that involve consumer products or other injuries takes about 2 minutes per record. Coding and reporting additional special study information takes about 90 seconds per record. Respondents also spend about 36 hours per year in related activities (training, evaluations, and communicating with other hospital staff).

The total burden hours for all NEISS respondents are estimated to be 81,210 for FY2015. The average burden hour per respondent is 593 hours. However,

the total burden hour on each respondent varies due to differences in size of the hospital (e.g., small rural hospitals versus large metropolitan hospitals). The smallest hospital reported 202 cases with a burden of about 111 hours, while the largest hospital reported 60,405 cases with a burden of about 4,222 hours.

The total costs to NEISS respondents for FY2015 are estimated to be \$3,271,621 per year. NEISS respondents enter into contracts with CPSC and are compensated for these costs. The average cost per respondent is estimated to be about \$23,880. The average cost per burden hour is estimated to be \$40.29 per hour (including wages and overhead). However, the actual cost to each respondent varies due to the type of respondent (hospital versus CPSC contractor), size of hospital, and regional differences in wages and overhead. Therefore, the actual annual cost for any given respondent may vary between \$1,199 at a small rural hospital and \$281,953 at the largest metropolitan hospital.

### C. Other Burden Hours

In cases that require more information regarding product-related incidents or injuries, the CPSC staff conducted face-to-face interviews of approximately 220 persons each year. On average, an on-site interview takes about 4.5 hours. CPSC staff also conducts about 1760 in-depth investigations by telephone. Each in-depth telephone investigation requires about 20 minutes. In addition, staff is planning to conduct about 200 internet-based questionnaires per year that require about 20 minutes each.

The CPSC staff estimates 1,643 annual burden hours on these respondents: 989 hours for face-to-face interviews; 587 hours for in-depth telephone interviews, and 67 hours for internet-based questionnaires. The burden required for reporting is estimated at \$32.82 an hour (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employer Costs for Employee Compensation," March 2016, Table 9, Total compensation for all sales and office workers in goods-producing industries: <http://www.bls.gov/ncs>). At this valuation, the estimated annual cost to the public is about \$53,923.

This request for the approval of an estimated 82,853 (81,210 NEISS and 1,643 other) burden hours per year is an increase of 37,845 hours since this collection of information was last approved by OMB in 2013. The increase in the burden hours is largely due to the inclusion of information collected through NEISS for other federal agencies through Interagency Agreements including CDC and NHTSA, which were

not otherwise accounted for by those agencies. In order to account for all the burden hours associated with the NEISS information collection, we have added those hours to the collection of information. The increase in burden hours also includes the increase associated with offering internet-based questionnaires in addition to in-person and telephone interviews.

This information collection request excludes the burden associated with other publicly available Consumer Product Safety Information Databases, such as internet complaints, Hotline, and Medical Examiners and Coroners Alert Project (MECAP) reports, which are approved under OMB control number 3041-0146. This information collection request also excludes the burden associated with follow-up investigations conducted by other federal agencies.

The annual cost to the government of the collection of the NEISS information is estimated to be about \$4.9 million a year. This estimate includes \$3.3 million in compensation to NEISS respondents described in section 12(a) above. This estimate also includes \$1.603 million for about 150 CPSC professional staff months each year. The estimate of professional staff months includes the time required to: Oversee NEISS operations (*e.g.*, administration, training, quality control); prepare questionnaires, interviewer guidelines, and other instruments and instructions used to collect the information; conduct face-to-face and telephone interviews; and evaluate responses obtained from interviews and completed forms. Each month of professional staff time costs the Commission about \$10,683.83. This is based on a GS-12 mid-level salaried employee. The average yearly wage rate for a mid-level salaried GS-12 employee in the Washington, DC metropolitan area (effective as of January 2016) is

\$87,821 (GS-12, step 5). This represents 68.5 percent of total compensation (U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, "Employer Costs for Employee Compensation," March 2016, Table 1, percentage of wages and salaries for all civilian management, professional, and related employees: <http://www.bls.gov/ncs/>). Adding an additional 31.5 percent for benefits brings average yearly compensation for a mid-level salaried GS-12 employee to \$128,206.

Dated: September 16, 2016.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Charter Amendment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Amend Federal Advisory Committee Charter.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense (DoD) is publishing this notice to announce it is amending the charter for the Air University Board of Visitors.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This committee's charter is being amended in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The amended charter and contact information for the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) can be obtained at <http://www.facadatabase.gov/>. The DoD is

amending the charter for the Air University Board of Visitors ("the Board") previously published in the **Federal Register** on April 14, 2016 (81 FR 22066). The Board's charter is being amended to update the estimated number of Board meetings to two per year. All other aspects of the Board's charter, as previously published, and amended as previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 2016 (81 FR 49214), will apply to the Board.

Dated: September 16, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 15-55]

#### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated July 21, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Chang Sug, DSCA/LMO, (703) 697-8985.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 15-55 with attached Policy Justification.

Dated: September 16, 2016.

**Aaron Siegel,**

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