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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission publishes its semiannual regulatory flexibility agenda. In addition, this document includes an agenda of regulatory actions that the Commission expects to be under development or review by the agency during the next year. This document meets the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866. The Commission welcomes comments on the agenda and on the individual agenda entries.

DATES: Comments should be received in the Office of the Secretary on or before December 14, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the regulatory flexibility agenda should be captioned, “Regulatory Flexibility Agenda,” and be emailed to: *cpsc-os@cpsc.gov*. Comments may also be mailed or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814–4408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the agenda in general, contact Eileen Williams, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814–4408; *ewilliams@cpsc.gov*. For further information regarding a particular item on the agenda, consult the individual listed in the column headed, “Contact,” for that particular item.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 to 612) contains several provisions intended to reduce unnecessary and disproportionate regulatory requirements on small businesses, small governmental

organizations, and other small entities. Section 602 of the RFA (5 U.S.C. 602) requires each agency to publish, twice each year, a regulatory flexibility agenda containing a brief description of the subject area of any rule expected to be proposed or promulgated, which is likely to have a “significant economic impact” on a “substantial number” of small entities. The agency must also provide a summary of the nature of the rule and a schedule for acting on each rule for which the agency has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking.

The regulatory flexibility agenda is also required to contain the name and address of the agency official knowledgeable about the items listed. Furthermore, agencies are required to provide notice of their agendas to small entities and to solicit their comments by direct notification or by inclusion in publications likely to be obtained by such entities.

Additionally, Executive Order 12866 requires each agency to publish, twice each year, a regulatory agenda of regulations under development or review during the next year, and the Executive order states that such an agenda may be combined with the agenda published in accordance with the RFA. The regulatory flexibility agenda lists the regulatory activities expected to be under development or review during the next 12 months. It includes all such activities, whether or not they may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This agenda also includes regulatory activities that appeared in the spring 2016 agenda and have been completed by the Commission prior to publication of this agenda. Although CPSC, as an independent regulatory agency, is not required to comply with Executive orders, the Commission does follow Executive Order 12866 with respect to the publication of its regulatory agenda.

The agenda contains a brief description and summary of each regulatory activity, including the objectives and legal basis for each; an

approximate schedule of target dates, subject to revision, for the development or completion of each activity; and the name and telephone number of a knowledgeable agency official concerning particular items on the agenda.

The Internet is the basic means through which the Unified Agenda is disseminated. The complete Unified Agenda will be available online at *www.reginfo.gov*, in a format that offers users the ability to obtain information from the Agenda database.

Because publication in the **Federal Register** is mandated for the regulatory flexibility agendas required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 602), the Commission’s printed agenda entries include only:

(1) Rules that are in the agency’s regulatory flexibility agenda, in accordance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act because they are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; and

(2) Rules that the agency has identified for periodic review under section 610 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

Printing of these entries is limited to fields that contain information required by the Regulatory Flexibility Act’s agenda requirements. Additional information on these entries is available in the Unified Agenda published on the Internet.

The agenda reflects an assessment of the likelihood that the specified event will occur during the next year; the precise dates for each rulemaking are uncertain. New information, changes of circumstances, or changes in law may alter anticipated timing. In addition, no final determination by staff or the Commission regarding the need for, or the substance of, any rule or regulation should be inferred from this agenda.

Dated: September 1, 2016.

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

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION—PRERULE STAGE

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
459	Rule Review of: Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets (Section 610 Review)	3041–AD47

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION—FINAL RULE STAGE

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION—COMPLETED ACTIONS

Sequence No.	Title	Regulation Identifier No.
463	Revisions to Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers	3041-AD60

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC)

Prerule Stage

459. Rule Review of: Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets (Section 610 Review)

Legal Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1193, Flammable Fabrics Act; 5 U.S.C. 610, Regulatory Flexibility Act

Abstract: The Commission published the Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets in March 2006. The Standard sets open flame performance measures on all mattress sets entered into commerce on or after the effective date in July 2007. The purpose of the rule review is to assess the impact of the rule on small entities and to determine whether the rule should be continued without change, or should be amended or rescinded to make the rule more effective or less burdensome while still maintaining safety objectives. CPSC staff solicited comments on the rule through a **Federal Register** Notice. Staff also conducted economic and fire loss data analyses to review the impact and effectiveness of the rule. A staff briefing package is being developed and will be submitted to the Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice for Comment Published in the Federal Register .	04/03/15	80 FR 18218
Comment Period End.	06/02/15	
Staff Sends Briefing Package to Commission.	11/00/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC)

Final Rule Stage

460. Recreational Off-Road Vehicles

Legal Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2056; 15 U.S.C. 2058

Abstract: The Commission is considering whether recreational off-road vehicles (ROVs) present an unreasonable risk of injury that should be regulated. ROVs are motorized vehicles having four or more low-pressure tires designed for off-road use and intended by the manufacturer primarily for recreational use by one or more persons. The salient characteristics of an ROV include a steering wheel for steering control, foot controls for throttle and braking, bench or bucket seats, a roll-over protective structure, and a maximum speed greater than 30 mph. On October 21, 2009, the Commission voted (4-0-1) to publish an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) in the **Federal Register**. The ANPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on October 28, 2009, and the comment period ended December 28, 2009. The Commission received two letters requesting an extension of the comment period. The Commission extended the comment period until March 15, 2010. Staff conducted testing and evaluation programs to develop performance requirements addressing vehicle stability, vehicle handling, and occupant protection. On October 29, 2014, the Commission voted (3-2) to publish an NPRM proposing standards addressing vehicle stability, vehicle handling, and occupant protection. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2014. On January 23, 2015, the Commission published a notice of extension of the comment period for the NPRM, extending the comment period to April

8, 2015. The Omnibus Appropriations Bill provides that during fiscal year 2016, none of the amounts made available by the Appropriations Bill may be used to finalize or implement the Safety Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles published by the CPSC in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2014 (79 FR 68964) (ROV NPRM) until after the National Academy of Sciences completes a study to determine specific information as set forth in the Appropriations Bill. Staff has ceased work on a Final Rule briefing package that would implement the ROV NPRM, but continues to engage in the development of voluntary standards associated with ROVs. In FY 2016, staff will prepare a briefing package assessing the voluntary standards for Commission consideration.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Staff Sends ANPRM Briefing Package to Commission.	10/07/09	
Commission Decision.	10/21/09	
ANPRM	10/28/09	74 FR 55495
ANPRM Comment Period Extended.	12/22/09	74 FR 67987
Extended Comment Period End.	03/15/10	
Staff Sends NPRM Briefing Package to Commission.	09/24/14	
Staff Sends Supplemental Information on ROVs to Commission.	10/17/14	
Commission Decision.	10/29/14	
NPRM Published in Federal Register .	11/19/14	79 FR 68964
NPRM Comment Period Extended.	01/23/15	80 FR 3535

Action	Date	FR Cite
Extended Comment Period End.	04/08/15	
Staff Sends Briefing Package Assessing Voluntary Standards to Commission.	11/00/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3041-AC78

461. Standard for Sling Carriers

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 110-314, sec. 104

Abstract: Section 104 of the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) requires the Commission to issue consumer product safety standards for durable infant or toddler products. The Commission is directed to assess the effectiveness of applicable voluntary standards, and in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, promulgate consumer product safety standards that are substantially the same as the voluntary standard, or more stringent than the voluntary standard if the Commission determines that more stringent standards would further reduce the risk of injury associated with the product. The CPSIA requires that not later than August 14, 2009, the Commission begin rulemaking for at least two categories of durable infant or toddler products and promulgate two such standards every six months thereafter. The Commission proposed a consumer product safety standard for infant sling carriers as part of this series of standards for durable infant and toddler products. On June 13, 2014, staff sent an NPRM briefing package to the Commission. The Commission voted unanimously (3-0) to approve publication of the NPRM in the **Federal Register**. The NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2014. Following review of the comments, staff will prepare a Final Rule briefing package for the Commission's consideration.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Staff Sends NPRM Briefing Package to the Commission.	06/13/14	
Commission Decision to Publish NPRM.	07/09/14	
NPRM NPRM Comment Period End.	07/23/14 10/06/14	79 FR 42724
Staff Sends Final Rule Briefing Package to Commission.	09/00/17	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3041-AD28

462. Determinations Regarding Third Party Testing of Phthalates in Four Specified Plastics

Legal Authority: Sec. 3, Pub. L. 110-314, 122 Stat. 3016; 15 U.S.C. 2063(d)(3)(B)

Abstract: Section 14(i)(3) of the Consumer Product Safety Act requires the Commission to seek opportunities to reduce the cost of third party testing requirements consistent with assuring compliance with any applicable children's product safety rule. Staff prepared for Commission consideration a briefing package with a draft notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) regarding third party testing of phthalates in four specified plastics. The Commission approved the NPRM on August 9, 2016. After reviewing any submitted comments, staff will prepare a final rule briefing package for Commission consideration.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Staff Sends NPRM to the Commission.	08/03/16	
Commission Decision.	08/09/16	
NPRM Published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.	08/17/16	81 FR 54754
NPRM Comment Period End.	10/31/16	
Staff Sends Final Rule Briefing Package to Commission.	09/00/17	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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RIN: 3041-AD59

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION (CPSC)

Completed Actions

463. • Revisions to Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers

Legal Authority: Pub. L. 110-314, Sec. 104

Abstract: ASTM notified the CPSC that a more recent version of the voluntary standard referenced in the Safety Standard for Carriages and Strollers at 16 CFR part 1227 was approved on November 1, 2015. In accordance with the process for updating CPSC's durable infant or toddler standards under section 104(b) of the CPSIA, the Commission published a direct final rule, revising the CPSC's Standard for Carriages and Strollers to incorporate by reference a more recent version of the voluntary standard, ASTM F833-15.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Briefing Package to Commission.	05/25/16	
Commission Vote to Publish Direct Final Rule.	06/01/16	
Direct Final Rule Published in the FEDERAL REGISTER.	06/09/16	81 FR 37128
Direct Final Rule Comment Period End.	07/11/16	
Direct Final Rule Effective.	10/02/16	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes.

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