CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2010–0046]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Consumer Focus Groups

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) announces that the Commission has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for extension of approval of a collection of information from persons who may voluntarily participate in consumer focus groups. OMB previously approved the collection of information under OMB control number 3041–0136. OMB’s most recent extension of approval will expire on September 30, 2020. On June 15, 2020, the CPSC published a notice in the Federal Register to announce the agency’s intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information. The Commission received no comments. Therefore, by publication of this notice, the Commission announces that CPSC has submitted to the OMB a request for extension of approval of that collection of information, without change.

DATES: Written comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by September 28, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to: www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. In addition, written comments that are sent to OMB also should be submitted electronically at: http://www.regulations.gov, under Docket No. CPSC–2010–0046.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 15, 2020, the CPSC published a notice in the Federal Register to announce the agency’s intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information. 85 FR 36190. The Commission received no comments. CPSC seeks to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

Burden Hours

Title: Consumer Focus Groups.
OMB Number: 3041–0136.
Type of Review: Renewal of collection.
Frequency of Response: On occasion.
Affected Public: Consumers.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 650 participants.
Estimated Time per Response: 3 hours.
Total Estimated Annual Burden: 1,950 hours (650 participants × 3 hours).

General Description of Collection: Section 5(a) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2054(a), authorizes the Commission 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.

To help identify and evaluate product-related incidents, Commission staff invites and obtains direct feedback from consumers on issues related to product safety, such as recall effectiveness, product use, and perceptions regarding safety issues. The information that the CPSC collects from future focus groups will help inform the Commission’s identification and evaluation of consumer products and product use, by providing insight and information into consumer perceptions and usage patterns. In some cases, one-on-one interviews may be conducted as a more in-depth extension of a focus group, or in place of a traditional focus group. This information may also assist the Commission in its efforts to support voluntary standards activities and help CPSC identify consumer safety issues requiring additional research. In addition, based on the information obtained, CPSC may be able to provide safety information to the public that is easier to read and understood by a wider range of consumers.

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