Frequency of Response: On occasion, annually and semi-annually reporting requirements; annual recordkeeping requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Mandatory. Statutory authority for this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 154(j), 161, 201–205, and 303(r).

Total Annual Burden: 24 hours.

Total Annual Cost: $225,000.

Privacy Act Impact Assessment: No impact(s).

Nature and Extent of Confidentiality: Respondents concerned about disclosure of sensitive information in any submissions to the Commission may request confidential treatment pursuant to 47 CFR 0.459 of the Commission’s rules.

Needs and Uses: The Commission will submit this information collection to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) after this 60-day comment period in order to obtain the full three-year clearance from them.

The FCC has standards for accounting authorities in the maritime mobile and maritime-satellite radio services. The Commission will use the information to determine eligibility of applicants for certification as an accounting authority, to monitor activity, to ensure compliance, and to identify accounting authorities to the International Telecommunications Union. Respondents are entities seeking certification or those already certified to be accounting authorities.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary. Office of the Secretary.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 et seq.) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The public portions of the applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, if any, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank(s) indicated below and at the offices of the Board of Governors. This information may also be obtained on an expedited basis, upon request, by contacting the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank and from the Board’s Freedom of Information Office at https://www.federalreserve.gov/foia/request.htm. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)).

Comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors, Ann E. Misback, Secretary of the Board, 20th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20551–0001, not later than November 23, 2020.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia (William Spaniel, Senior Vice President) 100 North 6th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19105–1521. Comments can also be sent electronically to Comments.applications@phil.frb.org:

1. William Penn Bancorporation, Bristol, Pennsylvania; to become a bank holding company by acquiring the voting shares of William Penn Bank, Bristol, Pennsylvania, in connection with the merger of William Penn, MHC, Bristol, Pennsylvania, a state chartered mutual bank holding company converting from the mutual to the stock form, with and into William Penn Bancorporation.


Yao-Chin Chao,
Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (Colette A. Fried, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690–1414:


Yao-Chin Chao,
Assistant Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The information collection requirements described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (“PRA”). The FTC seeks public comments on proposed information requests sent pursuant to compulsory process to a combined ten or more of the largest domestic cigarette manufacturers and smokeless tobacco manufacturers. The information sought would include, among other things, data on annual sales and marketing expenditures. The current FTC clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) to conduct such information collection expires December 31, 2020. The Commission intends to ask OMB for
provide “critical data to researchers, policymakers, advocates and the general public.” CTFK additionally observed:

The FTC is currently the only public source for data on cigarette and smokeless tobacco companies’ marketing and promotional expenditures. No other agency collects and publishes such information directly from the companies, making the FTC reports the most accurate and reliable assessment of tobacco marketing and promotion expenditures available.

CTFK at 1. CTFK, however, suggested certain modifications to the Commission’s reports. Specifically, CTFK recommended that the Commission: (1) Clarify in which category coupons that consumers obtain online are to be counted; (2) report data on a company-specific or brand-specific basis, rather than on a fully-aggregated basis; (3) require manufacturers to report expenditures related to corporate sponsorships and advertisements; and (4) publish reports within one year of data collection. Id. at 2. CTFK also requested that the FTC extend its data collection to include electronic cigarettes (“e-cigarettes”) and cigars. ¹

The Commission’s proposed Orders clarify that expenditures on coupons delivered online should be reported together with coupons delivered by other means. The full impact of couponing by the major cigarette and smokeless tobacco manufacturers can only be seen if expenditures for all coupons are reported together, regardless of how those coupons are delivered to consumers.

Regarding CTFK’s suggestion that data be reported on other than a fully-aggregated, nationwide basis, the cigarette and smokeless tobacco companies assert that those data are confidential and, as CTFK acknowledges, the Commission cannot publicly release trade secrets or certain commercial or financial information. Id. at 2, n.2.

The Commission has for a number of years required the recipients of its 6(b) Orders to report certain expenditures related to corporate sponsorships and advertisements made in the name of the company, rather than any of its brands.²

† Two other commenters, ALA and Truth Initiative, made the same suggestion. The collection of data regarding e-cigarettes or cigars is beyond the scope of this proposed collection. Note though that the FTC has a separate ongoing study on e-cigarettes. See FTC Press Release, FTC to Study E-Cigarette Manufacturers’ Sales, Advertising, and Promotional Methods (Oct. 3, 2019), https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/press-releases/2019/10/ftc-study-e-cigarettes-manufacturers-sales-advertising-promotional.

‡ Both the cigarette and smokeless tobacco Orders required the recipients to report expenditures on “public entertainment events (including, but not limited to, concerts and sporting events) bearing or otherwise displaying the name of the Company or any variation thereof but not bearing or otherwise displaying the name, logo, or an image of any portion of the package” of any of its cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products, or otherwise referring to those products.

The Commission has not included those data in its Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Reports, and has therefore decided to cease collecting this information.

Regarding CTFK’s suggestion to publish reports within one year of data collection, the Commission always strives to publish the Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Reports as quickly as possible. It takes the recipients of its 6(b) Orders time to submit their reports and they may request extensions, such as this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After reviewing the resulting reports, staff often has to go back to one or more of the 6(b) Order recipients for clarifications and corrections. The data also requires analysis, and the reports require writing and review and approval at multiple levels. The Commission does in fact usually publish the Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Reports well within a year of when the data is first submitted. ²

II. ALA

The ALA comment stated that the Commission’s Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Reports provide “valuable information on cigarette and smokeless tobacco products sales and marketing that is used on an ongoing basis in the Lung Association’s education and public policy activities related to preventing and reducing tobacco use.” Id. at 1. ALA additionally observed:

These data are also important for public health officials and other organizations working to reduce the terrible burden caused by tobacco. By understanding how much tobacco companies spend on marketing and the distribution channels they use, it allows public health officials to determine where and how best to deliver tobacco prevention and cessation messages. Id.

III. Truth Initiative

Truth Initiative’s comment stressed the critical importance and utility of the Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco reports. Truth Initiative at 1. It said that the reports provide information that is not available elsewhere and is not duplicative of other data collections. Id. Truth Initiative believes the reports often provide the basis for strong public health policies with regard to tobacco use and marketing and such policies save lives. Id.

Truth Initiative, however, suggested certain modifications to the...
Commission’s reports. Specifically, Truth Initiative recommended that the Commission: (1) Collect information regarding heated tobacco products with its cigarette Orders; (2) collect information regarding low nicotine cigarettes; (3) reinstate previously asked questions requesting lists of new and discontinued cigarette products; (4) collect information regarding nicotine pouches and lozenges that do not contain tobacco; (5) collect information regarding the flavors of smokeless tobacco products; (6) clarify that streaming shows are included in questions about product placement; (7) define “youth” as persons younger than 18 years of age and “underage” as persons younger than 21 years of age. Id. at 2–6.

The Commission agrees that heated, non-combusted tobacco products are an important emerging segment of the tobacco market. The Commission plans to monitor these products and will consider whether and how best to collect information about these products when the market has further developed to make such information collection warranted.

As for Truth Initiative’s suggestion that the Commission collect information regarding low-nicotine cigarette products, none of the current recipients of the cigarette Orders sell such products. The Commission’s Cigarette Reports focus on the largest cigarette manufacturers and do not attempt to present a complete picture of the cigarette market. There are numerous smaller manufacturers and importers of cigarettes to which the Commission does not direct its cigarette Orders. The Commission does not intend, at this time, to seek information specifically regarding low nicotine cigarettes or to direct an Order to the one company that has expressed an intention in marketing such products.

In 2017, the Commission determined that it no longer needed lists of cigarettes first sold or discontinued in a calendar year and it does not see a sufficient basis to revisit that decision. As the Truth Initiative notes, nicotine pouches and lozenges are currently being marketed by some of the major smokeless tobacco companies, and are an important emerging segment of the tobacco market. Id. at 4. The Commission will add a question to its smokeless tobacco Orders about total unit and dollar sales of these products to help the agency assess whether collection of more complete information about such products would be warranted.

Given the information presented by the Truth Initiative regarding the popularity of flavored smokeless tobacco, especially among youth (id. at 4), and the Commission’s collection of flavor information regarding cigarettes (and recently e-cigarettes), the Commission will modify its smokeless tobacco 6(b) Orders to seek information regarding the flavors of smokeless tobacco products.

The Commission believes that its product placement questions that ask about “motion picture(s)” and “television show(s)” cover “original shows streamed via the internet.” On the other hand, the Commission sees no harm in clarifying that is the case and intends to do so.

The Truth Initiative correctly points out that the federal minimum age to purchase tobacco is now 21. Id. at 6. The Commission will use the term “underage persons” in lieu of “youth” in its 6(b) Orders and define “underage persons” as persons younger than 21 years of age.

IV. Altria

Altria stated that the Commission should no longer collect any information from cigarette and smokeless tobacco manufacturers “due to the Food and Drug Administration’s . . . extensive, active regulatory authority over tobacco products under the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.” Altria at 1. Because FDA has the authority to require tobacco product manufacturers to submit additional information to promulgate additional regulations regarding advertising and promotion of tobacco products, Altria calls the Commission’s collections “superfluous” and unnecessary “burdens.” Id. at 2.

Altria also contends that “responding to FTC’s collection requests requires several full-time employees (across multiple departments and operating companies) to spend weeks compiling data, revising reports, and reviewing ledgers before preparing for submission to FTC” and that this effort takes “far longer than 180 hours” estimated by the Commission as the “average annual burden on manufacturers.” Id. at 2.

The FTC staff and FDA staff have a long tradition of working together on the many areas where the two agencies share jurisdiction. However, since the FDA is not collecting cigarette or smokeless tobacco sales and marketing expenditure data like that required by the Commission’s 6(b) Orders, there is no overlap or duplication with respect to such data. The Commission intends to continue collecting cigarette and smokeless tobacco sales and marketing expenditure data. To the extent that in the future FDA duplicates the FTC’s data collection, the FTC can modify or cease its collection.

Altria contends that the Commission underestimates its burden in responding to the FTC’s information collection and that its burden is “far longer than 180 hours.” The Commission’s burden estimate of 180 hours was an average for the nine largest recipients of the Commission’s information request. The recipients vary greatly in size, in the number of products that they sell, and in the extent and variety of their advertising and promotion. Our burden estimate clearly stated that the very largest recipients might require hundreds of hours. Altria, which owns Philip Morris USA and the U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Co., says on its website that its “tobacco companies . . . have been the undisputed market leaders in the U.S. tobacco industry for decades.”3 Altria’s comment is consistent with the number of hours that its Philip Morris subsidiary previously told FTC staff that it spent complying with the Commission’s cigarette Order. All the other tobacco companies that responded to the FTC staff’s latest inquiries reported spending substantially fewer hours. We also note that Altria is the recipient of two 6(b) Orders, one for cigarettes and one for smokeless tobacco. To err on the side of caution, the Commission will increase its burden estimate from 1,980 hours to 2,940 hours.

Burden Statement

Estimated Annual Burden: 2,940 hours.4

Estimated Number of Respondents: 15 6(b) recipients (maximum).5


4 The Commission intends to use this PRA clearance renewal to collect information from the companies concerning their marketing and sales activities for the years 2021, 2022, and 2023. The Commission expects to issue compulsory process orders seeking this information annually, but it is possible that orders might not be issued in any given year and that orders seeking information for two years would be issued the next year. The figures set forth in this notice for the estimated hours and labor costs associated with this information collection represent average annual burden over the course of the prospective PRA clearance.

5 Since three and possibly more of these 6(b) recipients are parent companies that have separately incorporated subsidiaries or affiliates that the FTC anticipates or expects that the parent companies will transmit the collection instrument to and seek information from, the proposal to send up to 15 6(b) Orders could equate to 20 “persons” under the PRA. See 5 CFR 1320.3(c)(4) (“[t]en or more persons” . . . refers to the persons to whom a collection of information is addressed by the agency within any 12-month period, and to any independent entities to which the initial addressee may reasonably be expected to transmit the...
These estimates include any time spent by separately incorporated subsidiaries and other entities affiliated with the ultimate parent companies that receive the information requests.

Estimated Average Burden per Year Per Request: 196 hours.

(a) Information requests to the four largest recipients of the Commission’s information request, at a per request average each year of 400 hours = 2,400 hours, cumulatively, per year; and

(b) Information requests to nine additional respondents, of smaller size, at a per request average each year of 60 hours = 540 hours, cumulatively, per year.

Estimated Annual Labor Cost: $294,000.

Estimated Capital or Other Non-Labor Cost: de minimis.

Request for Comment

Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding. Because your comment will be made public, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive personal information, such as anyone’s Social Security number; date of birth; driver’s license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any “trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential”—as provided by Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2)—including in particular competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Josephine Liu,
Assistant General Counsel for Legal Counsel.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day–21–0728; Docket No. CDC–2020–0096]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System—Revision—Center for Surveilllance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The purpose of this data collection is to provide the official source of statistics in the United States for nationally notifiable conditions. Data will be used to monitor the occurrence and spread of nationally notifiable conditions. Data will be gathered through electronic submissions of case notifications to CDC from public health departments from 50 states, New York City, Washington DC, five U.S. territories, and three freely associated states.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before December 22, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2020–0096 by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to Regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7118; Email: omb@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (OMB Control No. 0920–0728, Exp. 04/30/2023)—Revision—Center for Surveilllance, Epidemiology and Laboratory Services (CSELS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 241) authorizes CDC to...