

TABLE 2—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR INDIVIDUAL AND HOUSEHOLD RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ² (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	DOCX submission of Original New Utility Applications.	5,420	1	5,420	0.5	2,710	\$435	\$1,178,850
2	DOCX submission of Utility Continuation/Divisional of an International Application.	192	1	192	0.5	96	435	41,760
3	DOCX submission of Utility Continuation/Divisional Applications.	1,813	1	1,813	0.5	907	435	394,545
4	DOCX submission of Utility Continuation-in-Part Applications.	207	1	207	0.5	104	435	45,240
	Totals	7,632		7,632		3,817		1,660,395

² Ibid.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$49,588,160.

There are no maintenance costs, capital start-up costs, recordkeeping costs, or postage associated with this information collection. However, the USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this information collection, in the form of

filing fees) is \$49,588,160. The USPTO expects the DOCX format adoption rate to steadily increase as the public more fully comprehends the nature of, and how to comply with, the format. Thus, the USPTO expects the number of respondents that will pay the non-DOCX filing surcharge fee to decrease by the first renewal of this collection.

Additionally, the USPTO expects the frequency and amount of any extra review time to decrease as respondents become more comfortable with the DOCX filing process.

Filing Fees

The items with filing fees are listed in the table below.

TABLE 3—FILING FEE COSTS TO RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses	Amount	Totals
			(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)
1–4	1054	Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee (undiscounted entity)	102,095	\$400	\$40,838,000
1–4	2054	Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee (small entity)	47,406	160	7,584,960
1–4	3054	Non-DOCX Filing Surcharge Fee (micro entity)	14,565	80	1,165,200
		Totals	164,066		49,588,160

Postage

There are no postage costs associated with items in this information collection. The actual submission of patent applications, and any postage cost burden, is covered by OMB control number 0651-0032 (Initial Patent Applications).

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) 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;

(b) 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;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) 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 submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire

comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

Per 45 CFR chapter XXI 2102.3, the next meeting of the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for June 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. and will be held via online

videoconference. Items of discussion may include buildings, infrastructure, parks, memorials, and public art.

Draft agendas, the link to register for the online public meeting, and additional information regarding the Commission are available on our website: www.cfa.gov. Inquiries regarding the agenda, as well as any public testimony, should be addressed to Thomas Luebke, Secretary, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address; by emailing cfastaff@cfa.gov; or by calling 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: May 30, 2023 in Washington, DC.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2023-0025]

Lithium-Ion Battery Safety; Notice of Meeting and Request for Comments

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Announcement of public meeting and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission will be holding a meeting on lithium-ion battery safety, with a specific focus on fires occurring in e-bikes and other micro-mobility products as well as the fire risks that may arise with the growing consumer market for other products containing such batteries. We invite interested parties to participate in or attend the meeting. A remote viewing option will be available for registrants. We also invite interested parties to submit written comments related to the issues discussed in this notice.

DATES: The hybrid meeting will be held in person at CPSC's headquarters and remotely via webinar at 10 a.m. Eastern time on July 27, 2023, and will conclude that same day.

ADDRESSES: For those attending in person, the meeting will be held at the Commission's Hearing Room, 4th floor of the Bethesda Towers Building, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. All virtual attendees should pre-register for the webinar online at: <https://cpsc.webex.com/weblink/register/rafcc9fee7d4a7f3d2c8149be4d9436e2>. After registering, you

will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. In person attendees do not need to register for the hearing. Any individual interested in serving on a panel or making an oral presentation, virtually or in person, must register for the webinar and submit a request to make an oral presentation to the Office of the Secretary, along with an abstract of their expertise and the topic they propose to address, and such requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern on June 29, 2023. Interested persons should submit such requests by sending an email with their contact information as well as the abstract of their expertise and proposed topic to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov, using the caption "Lithium-Ion Battery Safety," or by mail or delivery to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, and all such requests must be received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern time on June 29, 2023. The Commission will accept written comments, as well, through August 21, 2023. You may submit written comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2023-0025, no later than August 21, 2023, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit through this website: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. CPSC does not accept comments submitted by email, except as described below.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Confidential Written Submissions: CPSC encourages you to submit comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may, however, submit comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7479.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: www.regulations.gov. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, or

courier, or you may email them to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: www.regulations.gov, and insert the docket number, CPSC-2023-0025, into the "Search" box, and follow the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this meeting, contact Alberta E. Mills, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, telephone: (301) 504-7479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Lithium-ion batteries are used in a wide range of consumer products, including cell phones, laptops, power tools, and micromobility products such as hoverboards and e-bikes. In recent years, there has been a rise in the number of fires and other thermal events involving micromobility products—including e-scooters, self-balancing scooters (often referred to as hoverboards), e-bicycles, and e-unicycles.

From January 1, 2021, through November 28, 2022, CPSC received reports of at least 208 fire or overheating incidents involving micromobility devices, in 39 states. These incidents resulted in at least 19 fatalities, including 5 deaths associated with e-scooters, 11 with hoverboards, and 3 with e-bikes. CPSC also received reports of at least 22 injuries that resulted in emergency department visits, with 12 of the injuries involving e-scooters and 10 of them involving e-bikes.

In December 2022, CPSC staff wrote to a broad swath of the micromobility industry, urging the recipients to ensure that the micromobility devices for consumer use that they manufacture, import, distribute, or sell in the United States have been designed, manufactured, and certified for compliance with the applicable consensus U.S. safety standards. In the letter, staff noted that "[m]anufacturing these products in compliance with the applicable UL standards significantly reduces the risk of injuries and deaths from micromobility device fires," and made clear that "[c]onsumers face an unreasonable risk of fire and risk serious injury or death if their micromobility devices do not meet the level of safety provided by the relevant UL standards."

This letter was part of a long-standing effort at the Commission to reduce the risk of thermal events and fires involving lithium-ion batteries in consumer products. For more than a