

**United States of America****Consumer Product Safety Commission**

*In the Matter of:* WHIRLPOOL CORPORATION

CPSC Docket No.: 23–C0003

**Order**

Upon consideration of the Settlement Agreement entered into between Whirlpool Corporation (“Whirlpool”) and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (“Commission” or “CPSC”), and the Commission having jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Whirlpool, and it appearing that the Settlement Agreement is in the public interest, the Settlement Agreement is incorporated by reference and it is:

Provisionally accepted and this Order issued on the 22nd day of August, 2023.

By order of the commission.

Alberta E. Mills, Secretary,  
U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

[Docket No. CPSC–2010–0055]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads and Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets**

**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 for information collection requirements set forth in the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads, and the Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets, approved previously under OMB control number 3041–0014. On June 20, 2023, 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 has 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:** Submit written or electronic comments not later than September 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments about this request by email:

*OIRA\_submission@omb.eop.gov* or fax: 202–395–6881. Comments by mail should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Comments by mail should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments that are sent to OMB also should be submitted electronically at: <http://www.regulations.gov>, under Docket No. CPSC–2010–0055.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cynthia Gillham, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; (301) 504–7791, or by email to: [cgillham@cpsc.gov](mailto:cgillham@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Background**

In 1972, the Commission promulgated under section 4 of the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), 15 U.S.C. 1193, the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads, 16 CFR part 1632 (part 1632), to reduce the unreasonable risk of burn injuries and deaths from fires associated with mattresses and mattress pads. 49 FR 19796. Part 1632 prescribes requirements to test whether a mattress or mattress pad will resist ignition from a smoldering cigarette. Part 1632 also requires manufacturers to perform successfully prototype tests of each combination of materials and construction methods used to produce their mattresses or mattress pads. Manufacturers and importers must maintain the records and test results specified under the standard for three years.

Also, to reduce deaths and injuries related to mattress fires, particularly those ignited by open-flame sources, such as lighters, candles, and matches, the Commission promulgated the Standard for the Flammability (Open Flame) of Mattress Sets, 16 CFR part 1633 (part 1633), under section 4 of the FFA. Part 1633 requires manufacturers to maintain certain records to document compliance with the standard, including maintaining records

concerning prototype testing, pooling, and confirmation testing, and quality assurance procedures and any associated testing. The required records must be maintained for as long as mattress sets based on the prototype are in production and be retained for three years thereafter.

OMB previously approved the collection of information for parts 1632 and 1633 under control number 3041–0014, with an expiration date of August 31, 2023. On June 20, 2023, the Commission published a notice in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 39832), to announce the agency’s intention to seek extension of approval of the collection of information for control number 3041–0014. The Commission has 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.

**B. Burden Hours**

*Part 1632:* Commission staff estimates 403 respondents produce mattresses, and that each respondent will spend 26 hours for testing and record keeping annually, for a total of 10,478 hours (403 establishments × 26 hours = 10,478). The hourly compensation for the time required for record keeping is \$72.68 (for management, professional, and related occupations in goods-producing industries, Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2023). Staff’s estimated annualized cost to respondents is approximately \$761,541 (10,478 hours × \$72.68 per hour).

*Part 1633:* Part 1633 requires detailed documentation of prototype identification and testing records, model and prototype specifications, inputs used, name and location of suppliers, and confirmation of test records, if establishments choose to pool a prototype. This documentation is in addition to documentation already conducted by mattress manufacturers to meet part 1632. Staff again estimates that there are 403 respondents.

Using these estimates, including records of reported burden hours since 2017, Commission staff estimates the recordkeeping requirements to require about 4 hours and 44 minutes per establishment, per qualified prototype. Most mattress manufacturers base their complying production on 15 to 20 prototypes, although some larger manufacturers reportedly are producing mattresses based on more than 100 prototypes. Assuming that establishments qualify their production with an average of 20 different qualified prototypes, recordkeeping time is about

94.6 hours (4.73 hours × 20 prototypes) per establishment, per year. This translates to an estimated annual recordkeeping time cost to all mattress producers of 38,124 hours (94.6 hours × 403 establishments). The hourly compensation for the time required for record keeping is \$72.68 (for management, professional, and related occupations in goods-producing industries, Bureau of Labor Statistics, March 2023).<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the annual total estimated cost for recordkeeping is approximately \$2,770,852 (38,124 hours × \$72.68 per hour). Pooling among establishments or using a prototype qualification for longer than 1 year will reduce the hours required and associated cost, however.

The total estimated annual cost to the 403 establishments for the burden hours associated with parts 1632 and 1633 is approximately \$3.5 million (\$761,541 + \$2,770,852 = \$3,532,393).

**Alberta E. Mills,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2011-0014]

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery

**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) requests comment on a proposed extension of approval of a generic clearance for the collection of qualitative feedback on agency service delivery, approved previously under OMB Control No. 3041-0148. CPSC will consider all comments received in response to this notice, before requesting an extension of this

<sup>1</sup> We updated this estimate from the June 20, 2023 notice (88 FR 39833) to use the more recent March 2023 Bureau of Labor Statistics.

collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by October 27, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2011-0014, by any of the following methods:

*Electronic Submissions:* Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. CPSC typically does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (email), except through <https://www.regulations.gov>. CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, as described above.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Confidential Written Submissions:* 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. 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 can submit such material by mail, hand delivery, or courier, or you can email it to: [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

*Instructions:* All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Do not submit electronically: confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier/confidential written submissions.

*Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number, CPSC-2011-0014, into the "Search" box, and follow the prompts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia Gillham, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West

Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; (301) 504-7791, or by email to: [cgillham@cpsc.gov](mailto:cgillham@cpsc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** CPSC seeks to renew the following currently approved collection of information:

#### A. Background

*Title:* Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

*OMB Number:* 3041-0148.

*Type of Review:* Renewal of collection.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and households, businesses and organizations, state, local, or tribal government.

*Description of Collection:* Executive Order 12862 (Sept. 11, 1993) encourages independent Federal agencies such as CPSC to provide service to the public that matches or exceeds the best service available in the private sector. To that end, CPSC seeks to renew OMB approval of a generic clearance to collect qualitative feedback on CPSC service delivery. Qualitative feedback means information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions but does not include statistical surveys that yield quantitative results that can be generalized to the population of study. This collection of information is necessary to enable CPSC to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with CPSC's commitment to improving service delivery.

This feedback will provide insights into customer or stakeholder perceptions, experiences, and expectations; provide an early warning of issues with service; and help focus attention on areas where communication, training, or changes in operations might improve delivery of products or services. These collections will also allow for ongoing, collaborative, and actionable communications between CPSC and its customers and stakeholders.

#### B. Burden

*Estimated Burden:* CPSC will use a variety of instruments and platforms to collect information from respondents. CPSC estimates the burden of the collection of information is as follows: