effect the least practicable impact on marine mammal species or stocks and their habitat; (2) the authorized takes will have a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal species or stocks; (3) the authorized takes represent small numbers of marine mammals relative to the affected stock abundances; and (4) USACE's activities will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on taking for subsistence purposes.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216–6A, NMFS must review our proposed action with respect to environmental consequences on the human environment.

Accordingly, NMFS determined that the issuance of the initial IHA qualified to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review. NMFS has determined that the application of this categorical exclusion remains appropriate for this reissued IHA.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Section 7(a)(2) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that each Federal agency insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or carries out is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated critical habitat. To ensure ESA compliance for the issuance of IHAs, NMFS consults internally, in this case with the Alaska Regional Office, whenever we propose to authorize take for endangered or threatened species.

The effects of this proposed Federal action were adequately analyzed in NMFS' Biological Opinion for the Port of Nome Modification Project, dated July 27, 2023, which concluded that the take NMFS proposed to authorize through this IHA would not jeopardize the continued existence of any endangered or threatened species or destroy or adversely modify any designated critical habitat.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to the USACE for in-water construction activities associated with the specified activity from May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. All previously described mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements from the initial 2021 IHA are incorporated.

Dated: April 17, 2024.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XD890]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meetings and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold three public hearings (one as a webinar) and accept written comments regarding an action intended to revise the species separation requirements in the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries.

DATES: The hearings will be held between May 9, 2024 and May 16, 2024. Written comments must be received by May 30, 2024. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for details, including the dates and times for all hearings.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for hearing details.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; *www.mafmc.org.*

Written comments may be submitted to:

- *Email to: jcoakley@mafmc.org* (use subject ''SCOQ Species Separation'').
- *Via webform at: https://www.mafmc.org/comments/scoq-species-separation.*
- *Mail to:* Chris Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901. Mark the outside of the envelope ''SCOQ Species Separation.''

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold three public hearings and accept written comments regarding an action intended to modify the current species separation requirements in the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Additional details, including the public hearing document can be found at: *https://www.mafmc.org/actions/scoq-species-separation.*

Hearing 1—Webinar. Thursday, May 9, 2024. 6 p.m.–9 p.m., Connection details can be found at the Council's website calendar or *https://www.mafmc.org/actions/scoq-species-separation.*

Hearing 2—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Tuesday May 14, 2024. 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m., Embassy Suites Philadelphia Airport. 9000 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153; phone: (215) 365–4500.

Hearing 3—Braintree, Massachusetts. Thursday, May 16, 2024. 6:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m., Hyatt Place Boston/Braintree 50 Forbes Rd, Braintree, MA 02184; phone: (781) 848–0600.

Written comments are accepted at the hearings or via the submission methods described above, from May 1, 2024–May 30, 2024.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 18, 2024.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651–0028 Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal

Process. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before June 24, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov.* Include ''0651–0028 comment'' in the subject line of the message.
- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.*
- *Mail:* Justin Isaac, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Catherine Cain, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–8946; or by email at *Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov* with ''0651–0028 comment'' in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at *http://www.reginfo.gov* under ''Information Collection Review.''

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act (FQA) of 1999,[1] 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.,* certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. It is also mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the USPTO for recordal of the insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register.

The procedures for the recordal of fastener insignia under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.* The purpose of requiring both the insignia and the recordation is to ensure that certain fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers and to protect against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, or counterfeit fasteners.

The insignia may be a unique alphanumeric designation that the USPTO will issue upon request or a trademark that is registered at the USPTO or is the subject of an application to obtain a registration. After a manufacturer submits a complete application for recordal, the USPTO issues a Certificate of Recordal. These certificates remain active for five years. Applications to renew the certificates must be filed within six months of the expiration date or, upon payment of an additional surcharge, within six months following the expiration date.

If a recorded alphanumeric designation is assigned by the manufacturer to a new owner, the designation becomes ''inactive'' and the new owner must submit an application to reactivate the designation within six months of the date of assignment. If the recordal is based on a trademark application or registration and the registration is assigned to a new owner, the recordal becomes ''inactive'' and cannot be reassigned. Instead, the new owner of the trademark application or registration must apply for a new recordal. Manufacturers who record insignia must notify the USPTO of any changes of address.

This information collection includes one form, the Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO–1611), which provides manufacturers with a convenient way to submit a request for the recordal of a fastener insignia or to renew or reactivate an existing Certificate of Renewal.

The public uses this information collection to comply with the insignia recordal provisions of the FQA. The USPTO uses the information in this collection to record or renew insignias under the FQA and to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open for public inspection and is updated quarterly. The public may download the Fastener Insignia Register from the USPTO website.[2]

II. Method of Collection

The items in this information collection can be submitted by mail, email, or hand delivery to the USPTO.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0651–0028.

Forms:

- PTO–1611 (Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act).

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 90 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 90 responses.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 45 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: $20,115.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate[3] ($/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Applications for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act.	90	1	90	0.50	45	$447	$20,115
	Totals	90	.....	90	.....	45	.....	20,115

[1] *https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/PLAW-106publ34/pdf/PLAW-106publ34.pdf.*

[2] *https://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/laws/fastener-quality-act-fqa/fastener-quality-act-fqa.*

[3] 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg. F–41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms which is $447 per hour (*https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey*).

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: $2,413. There are no capital start-up, maintenance costs, or recordkeeping costs 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 and postage is $2,413.

Filing Fees

The application in this information collection has two associated filing fees, resulting in $2,240 in annual non-hourly cost burden.

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee ($) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
1	6991 6992	Filing an application for recordal of insignia or renewal/reactivation of recordal.	90	$20	$1,800
1	6993 6994	Surcharge for filing six months after the expiration date—Filing an application for recordal of insignia or renewal/reactivation of recordal.	22	20	440
	Totals		112		2,240

Postage Costs

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this information collection be submitted via email, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). The USPTO estimates that 17 items will be submitted in the mail. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope, will be $10.15. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection at $173.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the 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 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. The 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, the USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Justin Isaac,

Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2023–0032]

Notice of Availability: Supplemental Guidance for CPSC Chronic Hazard Guidelines

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is announcing the availability of final supplemental guidance for its Chronic Hazard Guidelines. This supplemental guidance contains two guidance documents, one for the use of benchmark dose methodology in risk assessment and the other for the analysis of uncertainty and variability in risk assessment.

ADDRESSES: *Docket:* For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *www.regulations.gov* and insert the docket number, CPSC–2023–0032, in the ''Search'' box, and follow the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Hooker, Directorate for Health Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone: (301) 987–2516; email: *ehooker@cpsc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 1992, the Commission issued guidelines for assessing chronic hazards (Chronic Hazard Guidelines or Guidelines) under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), 15 U.S.C. 1261–78, including carcinogenicity, neurotoxicity, reproductive/developmental toxicity, exposure, bioavailability, risk assessment, and acceptable risk. 57 FR 46626. In August 2023, the Commission issued a Notice of Availability containing Proposed Supplemental Guidance for CPSC Chronic Hazard Guidelines and asked for comments on the proposed guidance. 88 FR 57947. After reviewing those comments, the Commission is now issuing the final supplemental guidance contained below in sections III and IV.[1]

Determining whether a product is or contains a hazardous substance involves scientific analysis, legal interpretation, and the application of policy judgment. The Guidelines are intended to assist firms in identifying products that present chronic hazards, to meet their labeling obligations under the FHSA and the Labeling of Hazardous Art Materials Act (LHAMA). 15 U.S.C. 1277. They are not binding on industry or the Commission. Indeed, chronic toxicity may be established in various ways. The Commission may determine that a product is a hazardous substance due to a chronic hazard based on any evidence that is relevant and material to such a determination.

[1] On April 12, 2024, the Commission voted 5–0 to approve publication of this notice. Commissioners Feldman and Dziak submitted a joint statement, available at *https://www.cpsc.gov/About-CPSC/Commissioner/Douglas-Dziak-Peter-A-Feldman/Statement/Statement-of-Commissioners-Peter-A-Feldman-and-Douglas-Dziak-on-CPSC-Chronic-Hazard-Guidelines.* Commissioner Trumka submitted a statement, available at *https://www.cpsc.gov/About-CPSC/Commissioner/Richard-Trumka/Statement/CPSC-Revamps-Chronic-Hazards-Guidelines-Making-It-Easier-to-Protect-You-From-Toxic-Chemicals-in-Your-Home.*