Staff believes that there are no current start-up costs or other capital costs associated with the Regulations. Because the labeling of textile products has been an integral part of the manufacturing process for decades, manufacturers have in place the capital equipment necessary to comply with the Regulations' labeling requirements. Industry sources indicate that much of the information required by the Textile Act and its implementing rules would be included on the product label even absent their requirements. Similarly, recordkeeping, invoicing, and advertising disclosures are tasks performed in the ordinary course of business so that covered firms would incur no additional capital or other non-labor costs as a result of the Regulations.

4. The Care Labeling Rule, 16 CFR Part 423 (OMB Control Number: 3084-0103).

The Care Labeling Rule, 16 CFR Part 423, requires manufacturers and importers to attach a permanent care label to all covered textile clothing in order to assist consumers in making purchase decisions and in determining what method to use to clean their apparel. Also, manufacturers and importers of piece goods used to make textile clothing must provide the same care information on the end of each bolt or roll of fabric.

Estimated annual hours burden: 7,566,000 hours, rounded to the nearest thousand (solely relating to disclosure[10]).

Staff estimates that approximately 26,647 manufacturers or importers of textile apparel, producing about 20.1 billion textile garments annually, are subject to the Rule's disclosure requirements. The burden of developing proper care instructions may vary greatly among firms, primarily based on the number of different lines of textile garments introduced per year that require new or revised care instructions. Staff estimates the burden of determining care instructions to be 43 hours each year per respondent, for a cumulative total of 1,145,821 hours. Staff further estimates that the burden of drafting and ordering labels is 2 hours each year per respondent, for a total of 53,294 hours. Staff believes that the process of attaching labels is fully automated and integrated into other production steps for about 40 percent of the approximately 19.1 billion garments that are required to have care instructions on permanent labels.[11] For the remaining 11.46 billion items (60 percent of 19.1 billion), the process is semi-automated and requires an average of approximately two seconds per item, for a total of 6,366,667 hours per year. Thus, the total estimated annual burden for all respondents is 7,565,782 hours (1,145,821 hours to determine care instructions + 53,294 hours to draft and order labels + 6,366,667 hours to attach labels).

Estimated annual cost burden: $61,407,000, rounded to the nearest thousand (solely relating to labor costs).

Task	Hourly Rate	Burden Hours	Labor Cost
Determine care instructions	$22.00	1,145,821	$25,205,062
Draft and order labels	$16.27	53,294	$867,093
Attach labels	$5.55[12]	6,366,667	$35,335,002
TOTAL			$61,407,157

[12] *See* note 5.

Staff believes that there are no current start-up costs or other capital costs associated with the Rule. Because the labeling of textile products has been an integral part of the manufacturing process for decades, manufacturers have in place the capital equipment necessary to comply with the Rule's labeling requirements. Based on knowledge of the industry, staff believes that much of the information required by the Rule would be included on the product label even absent those requirements.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Granting of Request for Early Termination of the Waiting Period Under the Premerger Notification Rules

Section 7A of the Clayton Act, 15 U.S.C. 18a, as added by Title II of the Hart-Scott Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, requires persons contemplating certain mergers or acquisitions to give the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General advance notice and to wait designated periods before consummation of such plans. Section 7A(b)(2) of the Act permits the agencies, in individual cases, to terminate this waiting period prior to its expiration and requires that notice of this action be published in the **Federal Register**.

The following transactions were granted early termination of the waiting period provided by law and the premerger notification rules. The grants were made by the Federal Trade Commission and the Assistant Attorney General for the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice. Neither agency intends to take any action with respect to these proposed acquisitions during the applicable waiting period.

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/01/2008			
20081732	Robert B. Cohen	Dufry AG	Dufry AG.
20081805	GTEL Holding LLC	GTEL Holdings, Inc	GTEL Holdings, Inc.

[10] The Care Labeling Rule imposes no specific recordkeeping requirements. Although the Rule requires manufacturers and importers to have reliable evidence to support the recommended care instructions, companies may provide as support current technical literature or rely on past experience.

[11] About 1 billion of the 20.1 billion garments produced annually are either not covered by the Care Labeling Rule (gloves, hats, caps, and leather, fur, plastic, or leather garments) or are subject to an exemption that allows care instructions to appear on packaging (hosiery).

Trans No.	Acquiring	Acquired	Entities
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/03/2008			
20081590	Donald E. Graham	General Electric Company	NBC Stations Management II, Inc., NBC Subsidiary, (WTVJ–TV), Inc., NBC Universal, Inc.
20081749	Arch Chemicals, Inc	Rockwood Holdings, Inc	Advantis Technologies, Inc.
20081804	EPCOR Power L.P	Mitsubishi Corporation	Morris Cogeneration, LLC.
20081807	Opnext, Inc	StrataLight Communications, Inc	StrataLight Communications, Inc.
20081808	Rock Hill Telephone Company	Citizens Telephone Company	Citizens Telephone Company.
20081810	ES Media Works Fund I, LP	Commonwealth Bank of Australia	First State Media Group Limited.
20081813	DSMUS Trust	Robert C. McNair	Stonerside Stable LLC.
20081826	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group, Inc	Morgan Stanley	Morgan Stanley.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/06/2008			
20081747	H&R Block, Inc	Michael Dean Merriman 1965–A Trust.	Block Management, LLC, H&R Block, LLC, HRBO III, LLC, HRBO, LLC.
20081748	H&R Block, Inc	Pamela Jo Merriman 1965–A Trust	Block Management, LLC, H&R Block, LLC, HRBO III, LLC, HRBO, LLC.
20081754	H&R Block, Inc	H&R Block of Houston, LLC	Houston Block, L.C.
20081761	John K. Delaney	CapitalSource Inc	CapitalSource Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/07/2008			
20081792	USPF III Leveraged Feeder, L.P	Peter H. Zeliff, Sr	Innovative Energy Systems, LLC.
20081799	IHS Inc	Joseph E. Kasputys	Global Insight, Inc.
20081818	William S. Morris III and Mary Sue Ellis Morris.	Rocco B. Commisso	SplitCo.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/09/2008			
20081786	Inversion Corporativa I.C., S.A	DTN Holding Company, Inc	DTN Holding Company, Inc.
20081789	Zimmer Holdings, Inc	Abbott Laboratories	Abbott Spine, Inc.
20081816	ASP IV Alternative Investments, L.P	Liberty Tire Services, LLC	Liberty Tire Services, LLC.
20090021	Wells Fargo & Company	Wachovia Corporation	Wachovia Corporation.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/10/2008			
20081830	Sappi Limited	Metsaliitto Cooperative	M-real Corporation.
20081831	Foot Locker, Inc	dELIA's, Inc	dELIA's, Inc.
20081832	Enterprise Products Partners L. P	EnCana Corporation	Great Divide Gathering, LLC.
20090013	GHL Acquisition Corp	Iridium Holdings LLC	Iridium Holdings LLC.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/14/2008			
20081763	GDF SUEZ	FirstLight Power Enterprises, Inc	FirstLight Power Enterprises, Inc.
20081822	Westinghouse Air Brake Technologies Corporation.	Russell Enterprises, Inc	Standard Car Truck Company.
20081827	Bank of America Corporation	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/15/2008			
20081800	Kuwait Petroleum Corporation	K-Dow Petrochemicals C.V	K-Dow Petrochemicals C.V.
20081823	Cameron International Corporation	Kenneth L. Bums, II	Burnsco Blowout Preventer Sales & Service, Inc., Hitech, Inc. Kencoy, Inc., Melco Blowout Preventer Specialties, Inc., Townsend International BOPs, Inc.
20090006	McAfee, Inc	Secure Computing Corporation	Secure Computing Corporation.
Transactions Granted Early Termination—10/16/2008			
20081793	Altria Group, Inc	UST Inc	UST Inc.
20081794	The Voting Trust	Morgan Stanley	Cournot Financial Products LLC.
20090012	Equity Investor Acquisition LLC	Estate of Anthony A. Martino	Hatboro Cosmollision, Inc., Maaco Enterprises, Inc.
20090020	BTG plc	Protherics plc	Protherics plc.

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By Direction of the Commission.

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Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: ''AHRQ Healthcare Innovations Exchange Innovator Interview and AHRQ Healthcare Innovations Exchange Innovator E-mail Submission Guidelines.'' In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 2008 and allowed 60 days for public comment. One comment was received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by December 1, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Doris Lefkowitz, Reports Clearance Officer, AHRQ, by e-mail at *doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov*. Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from the AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477, or by e-mail at *doris.lefkowitz@ahrq.hhs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

''AHRQ Healthcare Innovations Exchange Innovator Interview and AHRQ Healthcare Innovations Exchange Innovator E-mail Submission Guidelines''

To support its objective of accelerating the diffusion and adoption of innovative health care delivery changes, see, e,g, 42 U.S.C. 299b–5(a), the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is launching the AHRQ Healthcare Innovations Exchange web site (Innovations Exchange). The Innovations Exchange will make profiles of health care service innovations accessible to the public. These innovations must meet the following six criteria: (1) The innovation focuses directly or indirectly on patient care; (2) the innovation is intended to improve one or more domains of health care quality; (3) the activity is truly innovative in the context of its setting or target population; (4) information about the innovation is publicly available; (5) the innovator (or a representative) is willing and able to contribute information to the Health Care Innovations Exchange; and (6) there is reason to believe that the innovation will be effective. These are minimum requirements. The ultimate decision to publish a detailed profile of the innovation will depend on several factors, including an evaluation by AHRQ, AHRQ's priorities, and the number of similar ideas in the Innovations Exchange. AHRQ's priorities include identifying and highlighting innovations that will help reduce disparities in health care and health status, that will have significant impact on the overall value of health care, where the innovators have a strong interest in participating, and that have received support from AHRQ.

A purposively selected group of 825 health care innovations will be selected to be considered for the profiles that will be published on the Innovations Exchange. These 825 innovations will be selected to ensure that innovations included in the Innovations Exchange cover a broad range of health care settings, care processes, priority populations, and clinical conditions. To collect the information required for these profiles, approximately 825 health care innovators associated with these innovations will submit information on their innovation using the AHRQ Healthcare Innovations Exchange E-mail Submission Guidelines or be contacted by project staff. Innovators will be interviewed by telephone about their innovative activities.

Method of Collection

Approximately 825 innovators associated with innovations selected for consideration will either submit their innovation through e-mail for consideration or be contacted by telephone and asked to participate. Once their agreement to participate is secured, the innovators will be interviewed by telephone as needed (e-mail submitters will be instructed to provide specific information about their innovation in their initial submissions and may require only abbreviated telephone interviews) about the following aspects of their innovation: health care problem addressed, impetus for the innovation, goals of the innovation, description of the innovation, evaluation results for the innovation, setting for the innovation, history of planning and implementation for the innovation, and lessons learned concerning the implementation of the innovation. If the innovation is approved, a draft profile will be developed based on the information and sent by e-mail to the innovator for review and approval to publish. After the profile is published, on a yearly basis, innovators will be asked to review and update their profiles. No assurances of confidentiality will be made to the innovator.

Estimated Annual Respondent Burden

Exhibit 1 shows the estimated annualized burden hours for the respondents. Approximately 275 innovators will participate in the initial data collection each year for a total of 825 over the three year period. Of the 275 respondents per year we estimate that approximately 15% (41) will submit information via e-mail and will thus be interviewed for a shorter period of time. The remaining 234 respondents that did not submit information via e-mail will be interviewed more extensively to capture the information required. The estimated annualized hours for the respondents' time to participate in the project is 401 hours.

Based on a review of materials from potential innovations we estimate that approximately 10% of the candidate innovations either will not meet the inclusion criteria or their innovators will decide not to continue their participation. Therefore, about 90% (750) of the original 825 profiles will move into the publication stage.

For the 750 published profiles, annual follow-up interviews will be conducted to update the information about the innovation, which will average 30 minutes. Because the profiles will be prepared on a rolling basis over three