

productivity, utilization of capacity, inventories, market share, exports, wages, employment, domestic prices, profits, and investment, none of which is necessarily decisive; and (2) shall not consider changes in technology or consumer preference as factors supporting a determination of serious damage or actual threat thereof. The Committee, without delay, will provide written notice of its decision to the Government of Bahrain and will consult with said party upon its request.

If a determination under this section is affirmative, the Committee may provide import tariff relief to a U.S. industry to the extent necessary to remedy or prevent the serious damage or actual threat thereof and to facilitate adjustment by the domestic industry to import competition. Such relief may consist of an increase in duties to the lower of: (1) the NTR/MFN duty rate in place for the textile or apparel article at the time the relief is granted; or (2) the NTR/MFN duty rate for that article on the day before the Agreement enters into force.

The import tariff relief is effective beginning on the date that the Committee's affirmative determination is published in the **Federal Register**. The maximum period of import tariff relief shall be three years. However, if the initial period for import relief is less than three years, the Committee may extend the period of import relief to the maximum three years if the Committee determines that the continuation is necessary to remedy or prevent serious damage or actual threat thereof and to facilitate adjustment, and that there is evidence that the domestic industry is making a positive adjustment to import competition. Import tariff relief may not be imposed for an aggregate period greater than three years. Import tariff relief may not be applied to the same article under these procedures if relief previously has been granted with respect to that article under: (1) these provisions; or (2) Chapter 1 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974.

Authority to provide import tariff relief for a textile or apparel article from Bahrain that is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for that article, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage or actual threat thereof to a U.S. industry producing a like or directly competitive article, will expire ten years after duties on the article are eliminated pursuant to the Agreement.

**4. Self Initiation.** The Committee may, on its own initiative, consider whether imports of a textile or apparel article from Bahrain are being imported

into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for that article, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage or actual threat thereof to a U.S. industry producing a like or directly competitive article. In such considerations, the Committee will follow procedures consistent with those set forth in Section 2 of this notice, including causing to be published in the **Federal Register** a notice seeking public comment regarding the action it is considering.

**4. Record Keeping and Business Confidential Information.** OTEXA will maintain an official record for each request on behalf of the Committee. The official record will include all factual information, written argument, or other material developed by, presented to, or obtained by OTEXA regarding the request, as well as other material provided to the Department of Commerce by other government agencies for inclusion in the official record. The official record will include Committee memoranda pertaining to the request, memoranda of Committee meetings, meetings between OTEXA staff and the public, determinations, and notices published in the **Federal Register**. The official record will contain material which is public, business confidential, privileged, and classified, but will not include pre-decisional inter-agency or intra-agency communications. If the Committee decides it is appropriate to consider materials submitted in an untimely manner, such materials will be maintained in the official record. Otherwise, such material will be returned to the submitter and will not be maintained as part of the official record. OTEXA will make the official record public except for business confidential information, privileged information, classified information, and other information the disclosure of which is prohibited by U.S. law. The public record will be available to the public for inspection and copying in a public reading room located in the Department of Commerce, Trade Information Center.

Information designated by the submitter as business confidential will normally be considered to be business confidential unless it is publicly available. The Committee will protect from disclosure any business confidential information that is marked "business confidential" to the full extent permitted by law. To the extent that business confidential information is provided, two copies of a non-confidential version must also be provided, in which business

confidential information is summarized or, if necessary, deleted. The Committee will make available to the public non-confidential versions of the request that is being considered, non-confidential versions of any public comments received with respect to a request, and, in the event consultations are requested, the statement of the reasons and justifications for the determination subsequent to the delivery of the statement to Bahrain.

**Philip J. Martello,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request—Consumer Opinion Forum

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On May 1, 2006, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) published a notice in accordance with provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) (PRA), to announce the agency's intention to seek approval for a collection of information to be conducted through a Consumer Opinion Forum (Forum) posted on the CPSC Web site, <http://www.cpsc.gov>. 71 FR 25570. The Commission now announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for approval of that collection of information.

The Commission received two comments. One commentor, Safe Kids Worldwide (Safe Kids), supported the collection of information because it believes that direct consumer input on specific consumer products would be beneficial to the Commission in its efforts to improve the safety of consumer products and improve the effectiveness of product recall campaigns. Safe Kids recommended that the Commission make public the participant responses on the Forum. Staff will evaluate whether posting summaries of participant responses on certain Forum topics or questions may be useful after the program is fully operational.

Another commentor, the Consumer Specialty Products Association (CSPA), questioned how the comments would be solicited and verified. In addition, CSPA

asked whether product-specific information would be kept confidential, and what role a manufacturer would have in such a Forum.

In the first **Federal Register** notice, 71 FR 25570, the Commission explained in detail how information would be collected through the Forum. Any individual at least 18 years old who has access to the Internet and to e-mail may voluntarily register to participate in the Forum through the CPSC Web site. During the registration process, participants will be asked to provide an e-mail address and personal password to access the Forum. When a new question is posted in the Forum, registered participants may be invited via e-mail to log into the Forum and to provide responses to the posted question(s). Since the purpose of the Forum is to solicit consumer opinions and perceptions, the staff will not verify the responses provided by participants. Although questions related to certain product classes or categories might be posted in the Forum, staff does not intend to pose questions that are specific to a particular brand or model of product. Such information, however, may be received inadvertently through the Forum even if it is not solicited. To the extent that any information is obtained that could identify a specific product brand or model, such information will be kept confidential and will not be released.

The information collected via the Forum will help Commission staff evaluate consumer products and product use by providing insight and information into consumer perceptions and usage patterns. Such information may also assist the staff in its efforts to support voluntary standards activities, and help the staff identify areas regarding consumer safety issues that need additional research. In addition, based on the information obtained, the staff may be able to provide safety information to the public that is easier to read and is more readily understood

by a wider range of consumers. The Forum may also be used to solicit consumer opinions and feedback regarding the effectiveness of product recall communications and to determine what action is being taken by consumers in response to such communications and why. This may aid in tailoring future recall activities to increase the success of those activities. If this information is not collected, the Commission would not have available useful information regarding consumer experiences, opinions, and perceptions related to specific product use, which the Commission relies on in its ongoing efforts to improve the safety of consumer products on behalf of consumers.

#### **Additional Information About the Request for Approval of a Collection of Information**

*Agency address:* Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Title of information collection:* Consumer Opinion Forum.

*Type of request:* Approval of collection of information.

*General description of respondents:* Consumers at least 18 years of age.

*Estimated annual number of respondents:* 5,000.

*Estimated average number of hours per respondent:* 3.16 per year.

*Estimated number of hours for all respondents:* 15,833 per year.

*Estimated cost per hour to respond:* \$28.75

*Estimated cost of collection for all respondents:* \$455,000.

*Comments:* Comments on this request for approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by October 27, 2006 to (1) The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington DC 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) to the Office of the Secretary by e-mail at [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov), or mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer

Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814. Comments may also be sent via facsimile at (301) 504-0127.

Copies of this request for approval of information collection requirements and supporting documentation are available from Linda Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7671.

Dated: September 21, 2006.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 06-57]

#### **36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06-57 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: September 20, 2006.

**C.R. Choate,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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