

Analysis of Proposed Consent Order To Aid Public Comment

The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) has accepted, subject to final approval, an agreement containing a consent order from Williams-Sonoma, Inc., also d/b/a Williams Sonoma, Williams Sonoma Home, Pottery Barn, Pottery Barn Kids, Pottery Barn Teen, West Elm, Rejuvenation, Outward, and Mark & Graham (“Respondent”).

The proposed consent order has been placed on the public record for thirty (30) days for receipt of comments by interested persons. Comments received during this period will become part of the public record. After thirty (30) days, the Commission will again review the agreement and the comments received, and will decide whether it should withdraw from the agreement or make final the agreement’s proposed order.

This matter involves Respondent’s marketing, sale, and distribution of home products as made in the United States. According to the FTC’s complaint, Respondent represented that its Goldtouch Bakeware products, Rejuvenation-branded products, and Pottery Barn Teen and Pottery Barn Kids-branded upholstered furniture products, including the materials and subcomponents used to make such products, are all or virtually all made in the United States. In fact, in numerous instances, Respondent’s Goldtouch Bakeware products, Rejuvenation-branded products, and Pottery Barn Teen and Pottery Barn Kids-branded upholstered furniture products are wholly imported or incorporate significant imported materials or subcomponents. Based on the foregoing, the complaint alleges that Respondent engaged in deceptive acts or practices in violation of Section 5(a) of the FTC Act.

The proposed consent order contains provisions designed to prevent Respondent from engaging in similar acts and practices in the future. Consistent with the FTC’s Enforcement Policy Statement on U.S. Origin Claims, Part I prohibits Respondent from making U.S.-origin claims for its products unless either: (1) The final assembly or processing of the product occurs in the United States, all significant processing that goes into the product occurs in the United States, and all or virtually all ingredients or components of the product are made and sourced in the United States; (2) a clear and conspicuous qualification appears immediately adjacent to the representation that accurately conveys the extent to which the product contains foreign parts, ingredients or

components, and/or processing; or (3) for a claim that a product is assembled in the United States, the product is last substantially transformed in the United States, the product’s principal assembly takes place in the United States, and United States assembly operations are substantial.

Part II prohibits Respondent from making any country-of-origin claim about a product or service unless the claim is true, not misleading, and Respondent has a reasonable basis substantiating the representation.

Parts III through V are monetary provisions. Part III imposes a judgment of \$1,000,000. Part IV includes additional monetary provisions relating to collections. Part V requires Respondent to provide sufficient customer information to enable the Commission to administer consumer redress, if appropriate.

Parts VI through IX are reporting and compliance provisions. Part VI requires Respondent to acknowledge receipt of the order, to provide a copy of the order to certain current and future principals, officers, directors, and employees, and to obtain an acknowledgement from each such person that they have received a copy of the order. Part VII requires Respondent to file a compliance report within one year after the order becomes final and to notify the Commission within 14 days of certain changes that would affect compliance with the order. Part VIII requires Respondent to maintain certain records, including records necessary to demonstrate compliance with the order. Part IX requires Respondent to submit additional compliance reports when requested by the Commission and to permit the Commission or its representatives to interview Respondent’s personnel.

Finally, Part X is a “sunset” provision, terminating the order after twenty (20) years, with certain exceptions.

The purpose of this analysis is to aid public comment on the proposed order. It is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the proposed order or to modify its terms in any way.

By direction of the Commission.

April J. Tabor,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0196; Docket No. 2020-0053; Sequence No. 2]

Information Collection; Payments to Small Business Subcontractors

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision and renewal of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding payments to small business subcontractors.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Additionally submit a copy to GSA by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Lois Mandell/IC 9000-0196, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000-0196, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0196, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors.

B. Need and Uses

This clearance covers the information that contractors must submit to comply with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause at 52.242-5, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors. This clause requires the prime contractor to self-report to the contracting officer when the prime contractor makes late or reduced payments to small business subcontractors. The notice shall include the reason(s) for making the reduced or untimely payment. The contracting officer uses the information to record the identity of contractors with a history of late or reduced payments to small business subcontractors in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIS). The contracting officer considers and evaluates the contractor's written explanation for a reduced or an untimely payment to determine whether the reduced or untimely payment is justified.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 473.

Total Annual Responses: 473.

Total Burden Hours: 946.

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 85 FR 5660, on January 31, 2020. No comments were received.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0196, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 2, 2020.

Janet Fry,

*Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division,
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Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of
Governmentwide Policy.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0034; Docket No. 2020-0053; Sequence No.1]

**Submission for OMB Review;
Examination of Records by
Comptroller General and Contract
Audit**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, the Regulatory Secretariat Division has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision and renewal of a previously approved information collection requirement regarding examination of records by Comptroller General and contract audit.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 7, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

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- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Lois Mandell/IC 9000-0034, Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000-0034, Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov,

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0034, Examination of Records by Comptroller General and Contract Audit.

B. Needs and Uses

The objective of this information collection, for the examination of records by Comptroller General and contract audit, is to require contractors to maintain certain records and to ensure the Comptroller General and/or agency have access to, and the right to, examine and audit records, which includes: Books, documents, accounting procedures and practices, and other data, regardless of type and regardless of whether such items are in written form, in the form of computer data, or in any other form, for a period of three years after final payment. This information is necessary for examination and audit of contract surveillance, verification of contract pricing, and to provide reimbursement of contractor costs, where applicable. The records retention period is required by the statutory authorities at 10 U.S.C. 2313, 41 U.S.C. 4706, and 10 U.S.C. 2306, and are implemented through the following Federal Acquisition Regulation clauses: 52.214-26, Audit and Records-Sealed Bidding; 52.212-5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders-Commercial Items; and 52.215-2, Audit and Records-Negotiation. This information collection does not require contractors to create or maintain any records that the contractor does not normally maintain in its usual course of business.

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 20,678.

Total Annual Responses: 80,068.

Total Burden Hours: 80,068.

D. Public Comment

A 60-day notice was published in the **Federal Register** at 85 FR 5659, on January 31, 2020. No comments were received.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F