

Sincerely,
Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.
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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Commission Finding That Shortens Periods For Issuing Information On Mesh Playpens

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety
Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission finds that certain mesh playpens present a potential hazard to children and that, to protect the public health and safety, the customary manufacturer comment and notification periods preceding public release of certain information shall be shortened.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
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Product Safety Commission,
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Commission staff negotiated with the manufacturers of mesh playpens to recall many models with protruding rivets, catchpoints for pacifier cords and children's clothing, that lead to strangulation of toddlers. The manufacturers of the playpens are Graco Children's Products, Inc., Bilt-Rite, Pride Trimble Corp., Pride Trimble, Inc., Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc., Hufco-Delaware, Evenflo Co., Inc., and Strolee Co.

The staff prepared a video news release (VNR), and provided the manufacturers with the opportunity to comment on it beginning on November 10. The staff received comments from the manufacturers, worked with them, and made some requested changes. The staff informed the manufacturers that it would issue the VNR on November 24.

B. Statutory and Regulatory Provisions

Under section 6(b)(1) of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), 15 U.S.C. 2055(b)(1), the Commission must provide manufacturers or private labelers with at least 30 days advance notice before disseminating information that identifies the manufacturer's product. In addition, section 6(b)(2) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2055(b)(2), requires at least 10 days additional notice if the

manufacturer or private labeler claims that the information to be released is inaccurate. However, the Commission may provide lesser periods of notice, in both cases, if "the Commission finds that the public health and safety requires a lesser period of notice."

Under the CPSA and the Commission's regulations, the Commission must publish its "public health and safety" findings in the **Federal Register**. 16 CFR 1101.23(b) and (c) and 1101.25(b) and (c). Disclosure of the information in the VNR may be made concurrently with the filing of the **Federal Register** notice, and need not await its publication.

C. Commission Finding

The Commission finds that the public health and safety requires less notice than the periods of time specified in section 6(b) of the Consumer Product Safety Act. Specifically, the 30-day period is reduced to the period from November 10 until November 23 for the video news release. In addition, the 10-day period is reduced to the period from November 23 until November 24, 1998.

Dated: November 24, 1998.

Sayde E. Dunn,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations/Industrial Capabilities and Assessments)

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506 (c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition and Technology)/Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations/Industrial Capabilities and Assessments) announces the proposed extension of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed

information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by January 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to: ATTN: Mr. Ronald Cooke, Office of Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Industrial Affairs and Installations/Industrial Capabilities and Assessments), 3310 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3310.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address or call Mr. Ronald Cooke at (703) 588-0192 or DSN 245-0192.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire, DD Form 2737, OMB Number 0704-0377.

Needs and uses: As part of its responsibilities to facilitate a diverse, responsive, and competitive industrial base, the Department of Defense (DoD) requires accurate, pertinent, and up to date information as to industry's ability to satisfy defense needs. The Industrial Capabilities Questionnaire will be used by all Services and the Defense Logistics Agency to gather business, industrial capability (employment, skills, facilities, equipment, processes, and technologies), and manufactured end item information to conduct required industrial assessments and to support DoD strategic planning and decisions.
Affected public: Business or Other For-Profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 153,600.

Number of Respondents: 12,800.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 12 Hours.

Frequency: Annually.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are industry professionals who provide information to the requesting DoD agency on the industrial capabilities associated with the subject facility being reviewed. The DoD agencies are directed to solicit only those data elements within this form necessary to conduct the particular planning or assessment task at hand. This approach is used to minimize the