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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### 16 CFR Part 1422

RIN 3041-AC78

#### Standard for Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is extending its comment period to receive information regarding the advance notice of proposed rulemaking concerning Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs). The Commission received two letters requesting an extension of the comment period, one from three manufacturers and distributors of Multi-Purpose Off-Highway Utility Vehicles, and the other from a trade association. The letters each requested that the comment period be extended 60 days from the date certain information was received by the companies or became publicly available. The Commission has decided to extend the comment period 75 days after the original comment period of December 28, 2009.

**DATES:** Written comments in response to this document must be received by the Commission no later than March 15, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC-2009-0087, by any of the following methods:

#### Electronic Submissions

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. To ensure timely processing of comments, the Commission is no longer accepting comments submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) except through <http://www.regulations.gov>.

#### Written Submissions

Submit written submissions in the following way:

Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for paper (preferably in five copies), disk, or CD-ROM submissions), to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-7923.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this rulemaking. All comments received may be posted without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information electronically. Such information should be submitted in writing.

**Docket:** For access to the docket to read background comments or comments received, go to <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about submitting comments, call or write to Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504-6833.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 28, 2009, the Commission published an ANPR in the **Federal Register** concerning ROVs. 74 FR 55495. The ANPR was issued under the authority of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA). The ANPR provided for a 60-day comment period to end December 28, 2009. Three companies that manufacture and/or distribute Multi-Purpose Off-Highway Utility Vehicles (American Honda Motor Co., Inc., Deere & Company and Kawasaki Motors Corp., U.S.A.) and a trade association (Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association) have requested that the Commission extend the comment period 60 days after the companies receive certain information or that information becomes publicly available. A portion of this information was publicly released on November 20, 2009. The remainder, which was posted for a period of five days on the Commission's Web site in draft form, was finalized on December 15, 2009,

and is now publicly available.<sup>1</sup> Because this information was only recently released, the Commission has decided to extend the comment period to 75 days from the date of the original comment period deadline, or March 15, 2010.

Dated: December 17, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### 37 CFR Part 41

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2009-0021]

RIN 0651-AC37

#### Rules of Practice Before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences in Ex Parte Appeals; Request for Comments on Potential Modifications to Final Rule and Notice of Roundtable During Comment Period

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rule making; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is considering modifications to rules governing practice before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) in ex parte patent appeals. Previously submitted comments with regard to an earlier published final rule, particularly those submitted in response to a proposed collection of information, raised some public concerns which have been reconsidered by the Office. After further consideration of these concerns, the Office is issuing this notice seeking further public comment on possible revisions to portions of the final rule. In order to facilitate a full exchange of views, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is also conducting a public session and roundtable in connection with this request for comments. Following the public comment period, if the Office

<sup>1</sup> All of this information will become part of the public record.