

through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

1. Description of the Collection of Information and Proposed Use

The FTC proposes to survey up to 10,000 consumers in order to gather specific information on the incidence of consumer fraud in the general population. This information will be collected on a voluntary basis, and the identities of the consumers will remain confidential. Subject to OMB approval for the survey, the FTC has contracted with a consumer research firm to identify consumers and conduct the survey. The results will assist the FTC in determining the incidence of consumer fraud in the general population and whether the type and frequency of consumer frauds is changing, and will inform the FTC about how best to combat consumer fraud.

The FTC intends to use a larger sample size than the 2003 survey to allow for a more in-depth analysis of the resulting data. The additional data points will allow for statistically significant samples for particular types of fraud and particular demographic characteristics. The questions will be very similar to the 2003 survey so that the results from the 2003 survey can be used as a baseline for a time-series analysis.³ The FTC may choose to conduct another follow-up survey in approximately two years.

2. Estimated Hours Burden

The FTC will pretest the survey on approximately 100 respondents to ensure that all questions are easily understood. This pretest will take approximately 15 minutes per person and 25 hours as a whole (100 respondents × 15 minutes each). Answering the consumer survey will require approximately 15 minutes per respondent and 2,500 hours as a whole (10,000 respondents × 15 minutes each). Thus, cumulative total burden hours for the first year of the clearance will approximate 2,525 hours.

3. Estimated Cost Burden

The cost per respondent should be negligible. Participation is voluntary

and will not require start-up, capital, or labor expenditures by respondents.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

A Public Health Action Plan To Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (Part I: Domestic Issues); Meeting for Public Comment on the Antimicrobial Resistance Interagency Task Force Annual Report

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and National Institutes of Health (NIH) announce an open meeting concerning antimicrobial resistance.

Name: "A Public Health Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (Part I: Domestic Issues)": Meeting for Public Comment on the Antimicrobial Resistance Interagency Task Force Annual Report.

Time and Date: 1:30 p.m.–5 p.m., June 29, 2005.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, Haverford/Baccarat Suite, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue at Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814; Telephone: 1-301-657-1234; Fax: 1-301-657-6453.

Status: Open to the public, limited by the space available.

Purpose: To present the third annual report of progress by Federal agencies in accomplishing activities outlined in "A Public Health Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (Part I: Domestic Issues)," and solicit comments from the public regarding the annual report. The Action Plan serves as a blueprint for activities of Federal agencies to address antimicrobial resistance. The focus of the plan is on domestic issues.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda will consist of welcome, introductory comments, followed by discussion of four focus areas in sequential plenary sessions lasting up to 45 minutes each. The four focus areas are: Surveillance, Prevention and Control, Research, and Product Development. Session leaders will give a 10 to 15 minute overview at the beginning of each session, then open the meeting for general discussion.

Comments and suggestions from the public for Federal agencies related to

each of the focus areas will be taken under advisement by the Antimicrobial Resistance Interagency Task Force. The agenda does not include development of consensus positions, guidelines, or discussions or endorsements of specific commercial products.

The Action Plan, Annual Report, and meeting agenda will be available at <http://www.cdc.gov/drugresistance>. The public meeting is sponsored by the CDC, FDA, and NIH, in collaboration with seven other Federal agencies and departments involved in developing and writing "A Public Health Action Plan to Combat Antimicrobial Resistance (Part I: Domestic Issues)."

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Limited time will be available for oral questions, comments, and suggestions from the public. Depending on the number wishing to comment, a time limit of three minutes may be imposed. In the interest of time, visual aids will not be permitted, although written material may be submitted to the Task Force. Written comments and suggestions from the public are encouraged and can be submitted at the meeting or should be received by the contact person (below) by regular mail or e-mail listed below no later than July 31, 2005.

Persons who anticipate attending the meeting are requested to send written notification to the contact person (below) by June 17, 2005, including name, organization (if applicable), address, phone, fax, and e-mail address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Vickie Garrett, Antimicrobial Resistance, Office of the Director, NCID, CDC, mail stop C-12, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333; telephone 404-639-2603; fax 404-639-4197; or e-mail aractionplan@cdc.gov.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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³ The survey instrument for the 2003 Consumer Fraud Survey is attached as Appendix A to the Report.