

above instructions for it to be considered. In addition to submitting in [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov) also send a copy of your comment on the proposed information collection to Nicole Ongele, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov](mailto:Nicole.Ongele@fcc.gov). Include in the comments the OMB control number as shown in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information or copies of the information collection, contact Nicole Ongele at (202) 418–2991. To view a copy of this information collection request (ICR) submitted to OMB: (1) go to the web page <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>, (2) look for the section of the web page called “Currently Under Review,” (3) click on the downward-pointing arrow in the “Select Agency” box below the “Currently Under Review” heading, (4) select “Federal Communications Commission” from the list of agencies presented in the “Select Agency” box, (5) click the “Submit” button to the right of the “Select Agency” box, (6) when the list of FCC ICRs currently under review appears, look for the Title of this ICR and then click on the ICR Reference Number. A copy of the FCC submission to OMB will be displayed.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3520), the FCC invited the general public and other Federal Agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission’s burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4), the FCC seeks specific comment on how it might “further reduce the information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.”

OMB Control Number: 3060–XXXX.

Title: Safe Connections Act—Supporting Survivors of Domestic and

Sexual Violence, WC Docket No. 22–238, et al.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities and individuals or households.

Number of Respondents and Responses: 1,650,000 respondents; 1,650,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: 1 hour–240 hours.

Frequency of Response: On occasion reporting requirement; third party disclosure requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for these collections is contained in 47 U.S.C. 345 of the Communications Act of 1934.

Total Annual Burden: 3,527,500 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No Cost.

Needs and Uses: The Safe

Connections Act of 2022 (SCA) obligates the Commission to implement rules pursuant to Section 4 of the SCA, which sets forth the requirement that covered providers separate the mobile phone telephone lines of domestic violence survivors (and of those persons in their care) from a shared mobile service contract with an abuser within two business days of a request. To implement the line separation process, the Commission establishes this collection, which requires covered providers to notify consumers about the availability of the line separation process and requires survivors to submit certain information to covered providers to request a line separation.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,

Secretary, Office of the Secretary.

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## FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2024.

**PLACE:** The meeting was held in the Board Room located on the sixth floor of the FDIC Building located at 550 17th Street NW, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation met to consider matters related to the Corporation’s supervision, corporate, and resolution activities. In calling the meeting, the Board determined, on motion of

Director Rohit Chopra (Director, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau) seconded by Director Michael J. Hsu (Acting Comptroller of the Currency), and concurred in by Chairman Martin J. Gruenberg, Vice Chairman Travis J. Hill, and Director Jonathan P. McKernan, that Corporation business required its consideration of the matters which were to be the subject of this meeting on less than seven days’ notice to the public; that no earlier notice of the meeting was practicable; that the public interest did not require consideration of the matters in a meeting open to public observation; and that the matters could be considered in a closed meeting by authority of subsections (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A), (c)(9)(B), and (c)(10) of the “Government in the Sunshine Act” (5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(2), (c)(4), (c)(6), (c)(8), (c)(9)(A), (c)(9)(B) and (c)(10)).

### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Requests for further information concerning the meeting may be directed to Debra A. Decker, Executive Secretary of the Corporation, at 202–898–8748.

Dated this the 21st day of March, 2024.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

James P. Sheesley,

Assistant Executive Secretary.

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension and Modification

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission (“FTC” or “Commission”) has clearance from the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) to send information requests, pursuant to compulsory process, to a combined ten or more of the largest cigarette manufacturers and smokeless tobacco manufacturers. The information sought includes, among other things, data on the manufacturers’ annual sales and marketing expenditures for cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, and electronic devices used to heat non-combusted cigarettes, and sales of tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches. The current OMB clearance expires on August 31, 2024. The Commission plans to ask OMB for renewed three-year clearance to collect this information, and to modify its existing clearance to allow for the

collection of additional information concerning annual marketing expenditures for tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches by smokeless tobacco manufacturers or related companies.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by May 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write "Tobacco Reports; PRA Comment: FTC File No. P072108" on your comment, and file your comment online at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Ostheimer, Division of Advertising Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mailstop CC-10507, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2699.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* FTC Cigarette and Smokeless Tobacco Data Collection.

*OMB Control Number:* 3084-0134.

*Type of Review:* Revision and extension of currently approved collection.

*Likely Respondents:* Parent companies of the largest cigarette companies and smokeless tobacco companies.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 3,540 disclosure hours.

*Estimated Annual Labor Costs:* \$407,100.

*Abstract:* Pursuant to section 6(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(b), the Commission collects information on sales and/or marketing of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco products, tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches, and electronic devices used to heat non-combusted cigarettes (collectively, "subject products") from manufacturers of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products. Depending on the type of product a manufacturer produces, the Commission requests the information using two different instruments—that is, a Cigarette Order and a Smokeless Tobacco Order. The Commission compiles and publishes the data in two periodic reports.

Using compulsory process under section 6(b) of the FTC Act, the Commission plans to continue sending

information requests annually to the ultimate parent companies of the largest cigarette companies and smokeless tobacco companies in the United States (collectively, "industry members"). The information requests will seek data regarding, among other things: (1) the cigarette or smokeless tobacco sales of industry members; (2) how much industry members spend advertising and promoting their cigarette or smokeless tobacco products, and the specific amounts spent in each of a number of specified expenditure categories; (3) whether industry members are involved in the appearance of their cigarette or smokeless tobacco products or brand imagery in television shows, motion pictures, on the internet, or on social media; (4) how much industry members spend on advertising intended to reduce youth cigarette or smokeless tobacco usage; (5) the events, if any, during which industry members' cigarette or smokeless tobacco brands are televised; and (6) how much industry members spend on public entertainment events promoting their companies but not specific cigarette or smokeless tobacco products or such products generally. The information requests will also seek information from the cigarette companies pertaining to the annual sales, give aways, and marketing expenditures for electronic devices used to heat non-combusted cigarette products.

While, in previous years, the information requests only sought information pertaining to the annual unit and dollar sales of tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches, the Commission plans to seek a modification of its existing clearance in order to collect information concerning advertising and promotional expenditures for tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches. The need to collect this information is predicated upon the fact that sales of tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches more than doubled between 2020 and 2022, and these products appear to be especially popular with youth.

The current PRA clearance to collect this information is valid through August 31, 2024 (OMB Control No. 3084-0134). As required by section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the FTC is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB renew the clearance for the PRA burden associated with the proposed collection, and the proposed modification.

**Burden Statement**

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 3,540.

The FTC staff's estimated hours of burden is based on the time required each year to respond to the Commission's information requests. Because the potential recipients of the information requests vary greatly in size, the number of products they sell, and the extent and variety of their advertising and promotion, FTC staff distinguishes between the four largest industry members and smaller industry members for the purpose of calculating the estimated annual burden hours. This burden analysis first discusses the burden hours that industry members will incur in providing information on their sales and marketing expenditures for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products.

*Requests for Information on Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco:* For the information requests on the sales and marketing expenditures for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products, the Commission currently anticipates sending information requests to the four largest cigarette companies and the five largest smokeless tobacco companies each year. However, in order to take into account any future industry changes, the burden estimate is based on up to 15 information requests being issued per year. The Commission assumes that six of the 15 information requests will be issued to the four largest industry members, and the remaining nine information requests will be issued to nine smaller industry members.<sup>1</sup>

FTC staff estimates that each of the four largest industry members will incur, on average, a burden of 400 hours per response per year, resulting in a cumulative burden of approximately 2,400 hours per year (6 requests × 400 hours per year). Additionally, FTC staff estimates that the remaining nine smaller recipients of the Commission's information requests will each incur, on average, a burden of 60 hours per request per year, resulting in a cumulative burden of approximately 540 hours per year (9 requests × 60 hours).

Accordingly, FTC staff estimates that, for the purpose of providing information on their sales and marketing for cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products industry members will incur a cumulative burden of approximately 2,940 hours per year (2,400 hours per year + 540 hours per year).

*Requests for Information on Tobacco-Free Nicotine Lozenges and Pouches:* In the past, the Commission's Smokeless Tobacco Orders have also sought

<sup>1</sup> Based on their product variety, two of the four largest industry members receive both a Cigarette Order and a Smokeless Tobacco Order.

information pertaining to the annual unit and dollar sales of tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches by the smokeless tobacco manufacturers or related companies. The Commission is proposing to amend its existing OMB clearance to also collect data on smokeless tobacco manufacturers' annual advertising and promotional expenditures for tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches. FTC staff estimates that, as a result of this modification, the Commission will seek this information from the five largest smokeless tobacco manufacturers each year. However, in order to take into account any future industry changes, the burden estimate is based on up to five additional information requests being issued per year to smokeless tobacco companies that sell, or have related companies that sell, tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches.

FTC staff estimates that each of the ten recipients will incur, on average, a burden of 50 hours per request per year. Accordingly, FTC staff estimates that, for the purpose of providing information on the sales and marketing expenditures for tobacco-free nicotine lozenges and pouches, the recipients will incur a cumulative burden of approximately 500 hours per year (10 requests  $\times$  50 hours per year).

*Requests for Information on Devices to Heat Non-Combusted Cigarettes:* The Commission's Cigarette Orders have also sought sales and marketing expenditure information for electronic devices used to heat non-combusted cigarettes. At this time, there is no longer any industry member that sells such devices in the United States, but FTC staff anticipates that at least one of the four largest industry members will re-enter this market segment over the next three years. FTC staff assumes that, as a result of the Commission's information requests, it will take any of the largest cigarette companies that sell electronic devices used to heat non-combusted cigarettes approximately 25 hours per year to compile the information on their sales and marketing expenditures for such devices, and that as many as four of the largest industry members may sell such devices, for a possible burden of 100 hours (4 requests  $\times$  25 hours per year).

Accordingly, FTC staff estimates that, as a result of the Commission's requests for information on sales and marketing participants will incur a cumulative burden of approximately 3,540 hours per year (2,940 hours per year + 500 hours per year + 100 hours per year). This estimate includes any time spent by separately incorporated subsidiaries

and other entities affiliated with the ultimate parent company that receives the information request.

*Estimated Annual Cost Burden:* \$407,100.

FTC staff cannot calculate with precision the labor costs associated with this data production, as those costs entail varying compensation levels of management and/or support staff among companies of different sizes. FTC staff assumes that paralegals and computer analysts will perform most of the work involved in responding to the Commission information requests, although in-house legal personnel will be involved in reviewing the actual submission to the Commission. FTC staff will use a combined hourly wage of \$115/hour for the combined efforts of these individuals.<sup>2</sup> Using this figure, FTC staff's best estimate for the total annual labor costs is \$407,100 per year (\$115 per hour  $\times$  3,540 hours).

*Estimated Capital or Other Non-Labor Cost:* De minimis.

FTC staff believes that the capital or other non-labor costs associated with the information requests are minimal. Although the information requests may necessitate that industry members maintain the requested information provided to the Commission, they should already have in place the means to compile and maintain business records.

#### Request for Comment

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, the FTC invites comments on: (1) whether the disclosure and recordkeeping requirements are necessary, including whether the information will be practically useful; (2) the accuracy of our burden estimates, including whether the methodology and assumptions used are valid; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information.

For the FTC to consider a comment, we must receive it on or before May 28, 2024. Your comment, including your name and your state, will be placed on the public record of this proceeding.

<sup>2</sup> FTC staff believes that this estimate is conservative. According to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the mean hourly wages for these three occupations are as follows: \$30.21 for paralegals; \$53.15 for computer and information analysts; and \$78.74 for lawyers. Economic News Release, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Table 1—National employment and wage data from the Occupational Employment Statistics survey by occupation, May 2022 (Table 1), available at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/ocwage.t01.htm>. Even if employees of the major cigarette and smokeless tobacco manufacturers earn more than these hourly wages, FTC staff believes its \$115/hour estimate is appropriate.

including the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

You can file a comment online or on paper. Due to the agency's heightened security screening, postal mail addressed to the Commission will be subject to delay. We encourage you to submit your comments online through the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

If you file your comment on paper, write "Tobacco Reports; PRA Comment: FTC File No. P072108" on your comment and on the envelope, and mail it to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580.

Because your comment will become publicly available at <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include any sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure that your comment does not include any sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any "trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential"—as provided by section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2)—including, in particular, competitively sensitive information, such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must (1) be filed in paper form, (2) be clearly labeled "Confidential," and (3) comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. See FTC Rule 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the General Counsel grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest. Once your comment has been posted publicly at

[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), we cannot redact or remove your comment unless you submit a confidentiality request that meets the requirements for such treatment under FTC Rule 4.9(c), and the General Counsel grants that request.

The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives on or before May 28, 2024. For information on the Commission's privacy policy, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, see <https://www.ftc.gov/site-information/privacy-policy>.

**Josephine Liu,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Legal Counsel.*

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## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Extension

**AGENCY:** Federal Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Trade Commission ("FTC" or "Commission") is seeking public comments on its proposal to extend for an additional three years the current Paperwork Reduction Act ("PRA") clearance for information collection requirements contained in the rules and regulations under the Fur Products Labeling Act ("Fur Rules" or "Rules"). That clearance expires on October 31, 2024.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed by May 28, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties may file a comment online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Write "Fur Rules; PRA Comment: FTC File No. P072108" on your comment, and file your comment online at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610 (Annex J), Washington, DC 20580.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jock K. Chung, Attorney, Division of Enforcement, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission, Mail Code CC-9528, 600 Pennsylvania

Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580, (202) 326-2984.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Rules and Regulations under the Fur Products Labeling Act, 16 CFR part 301.

*OMB Control Number:* 3084-0099.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The Fur Products Labeling Act ("Fur Act")<sup>1</sup> prohibits the misbranding and false advertising of fur products. The Fur Rules establish disclosure requirements that assist consumers in making informed purchasing decisions, and recordkeeping requirements that assist the Commission in enforcing the Rules. The Rules also provide a procedure for exemption from certain disclosure provisions under the Fur Act.

*Likely Respondents:* Retailers, manufacturers, processors, and importers of furs and fur products.

*Frequency of Response:* Third party disclosure; recordkeeping requirement.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 180,639 hours (45,720 hours for recordkeeping + 134,919 hours for disclosure).

*Recordkeeping:* 45,720 hours [500 retailers incur an average recordkeeping burden of about 18 hours per year (9,000 hours total); 137 manufacturers incur an average recordkeeping burden of about 60 hours per year (8,220 hours total); and 950 importers of furs and fur products incur an average recordkeeping burden of 30 hours per year (28,500 hours total)].

*Disclosure:* 134,919 hours [(114,886 hours for labeling + 33 hours for invoices + 20,000 hours for advertising)].

*Estimated Annual Cost Burden:* \$3,555,329 (rounded to the nearest whole dollar amount).

As required by section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the FTC is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB extend the existing clearance for the information collection requirements contained in the Commission's Fur Rules.

#### **Burden Statement**

FTC staff's burden estimates are based on data from the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and data or other input from the Fur Industry Council of America. The relevant information collection requirements in these Rules and FTC staff's corresponding burden estimates follow. The estimates address the number of hours needed and the labor

costs incurred to comply with the requirements.

The Fur Act<sup>2</sup> prohibits the misbranding and false advertising of fur products. The Fur Rules establish disclosure requirements that assist consumers in making informed purchasing decisions, and recordkeeping requirements that assist the Commission in enforcing the Rules. The Rules also provide a procedure for exemption from certain disclosure provisions under the Fur Act.

*Estimated Annual Hours Burden:* 180,639 hours (45,720 hours for recordkeeping + 134,919 hours for disclosure).

*Recordkeeping:* The Fur Rules require that retailers, manufacturers, processors, and importers of furs and fur products keep certain records in addition to those they may keep in the ordinary course of business. FTC staff estimates that: (1) 500 retailers incur an average recordkeeping burden of about 18 hours per year (9,000 hours total); (2) 137 manufacturers incur an average recordkeeping burden of about 60 hours per year (8,220 hours total); and (3) 950 importers of furs and fur products incur an average recordkeeping burden of 30 hours per year (28,500 hours total). The combined recordkeeping burden for the industry is approximately 45,720 hours annually.

*Disclosure:* FTC staff estimates that 637 respondents (137 manufacturers + 500 retail sellers of fur garments) each require an average of 30 hours per year to determine label content (19,110 hours total), and an average of 30 hours per year to draft and order labels (19,110 hours total). FTC staff estimates that the total number of garments subject to the fur labeling requirements annually is approximately 1,840,000.<sup>3</sup> FTC staff estimates that for approximately 50 percent of these garments (920,000) labels are attached manually, requiring approximately four minutes per garment for a total of 61,333 hours annually. For the remaining 920,000, the process of attaching labels is semi-automated and requires an average of approximately one minute per item, for a total of 15,333 hours. Thus, the total burden for

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> This estimate is half the prior estimate. FTC staff bases this estimate on an assessment that the overall market for fur products appears to have halved. For example, the number of fur retailers has declined from 950 to 500. The total number of imported fur garments, fur-trimmed garments, and fur accessories is 3,562,242 annually based on U.S. government import statistics for Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Number 4303. However, this figure includes many products that contain fur but are not covered by the Fur Act and Rules, such as rabbit feet, or purses with fur. Estimated domestic production totals 90,000.

<sup>1</sup> 15 U.S.C. 69 *et seq.*