

Program purposes and account for the expenditure of federal funds to deter waste, fraud, and abuse.

II. Method of Collection

The bi-annual Performance Progress Report (PPR) is a bi-annual collection of information from award recipients covering updates on project activities and details about key outputs and outcomes of their performance during the previous six months. The report will be due 30 calendar days following the end of quarters ending in March and September. NTIA will collect data through an electronic submission.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0660–00XX.
Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission for new information collection.

Affected Public: Grant award recipients consisting of for-profit companies, non-profit companies, institutions of higher education, industry groups, and consortia including two or more such entities.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 18.

Estimated Time Per Response: 33.22 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,195.92.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$58,576.16.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Section 9202(a)(1) of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021, Public Law 116–283, 134 Stat. 3388 (Jan. 1, 2021) (FY21 NDAA) and Div. A., Section 106 of the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022, Public Law 117–167, 136 Stat. 1392 (Aug. 9, 2022).

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

(a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility.

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

(c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

(d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of

public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.

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CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

[Docket No. CFPB–2023–0050]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) requests the extension of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB's) approval for an existing information collection titled "Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans" approved under OMB Control Number 3170–0071.

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before November 3, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed 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 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Anthony May,

Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, at (202) 435–7278, or email: CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB_Accessibility@cfpb.gov. Please do not submit comments to these email boxes.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title of Collection: Payday, Vehicle Title, and Certain High-Cost Installment Loans.

OMB Control Number: 3170–0071.

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

Affected Public: State, Local, and Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 9,887.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,189,587.

Abstract: 12 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 1041 applies to non-depository institutions and loan brokers engaged in consumer lending, credit intermediation activities, or activities related to credit intermediation. Additionally, banks and credit unions that make loans are subject to the regulation. The purpose of this regulation is to identify certain unfair and abusive acts or practices in connection with certain consumer credit transactions, to set forth requirements for preventing such acts or practices, and to provide certain partial conditional exemptions from aspects of this regulation. This regulation also contains requirements to ensure that the features of those consumer credit transactions are fully, accurately, and effectively disclosed to consumers.

Request for Comments: The Bureau published a 60-day **Federal Register** notice on June 23, 2023, (88 FR 41086) under Docket Number: CFPB–2023–0036 The Bureau is publishing this notice and soliciting comments on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be reviewed by OMB as part of its review of this request. All

comments will become a matter of public record.

Anthony May,
Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 23–C0004]

BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission publishes in the **Federal Register** any settlement that it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act. Published below is a provisionally accepted Settlement Agreement with BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., containing a civil penalty in the amount of \$9,000,000, subject to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement. The Commission voted unanimously (4–0) to provisionally accept the proposed Settlement Agreement and Order pertaining to BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by October 19, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to Comment 23–C0004, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (240) 863–8938 (mobile), (301) 504–7479 (office); email: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Raffman, Trial Attorney, Division of Enforcement and Litigation, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; mraffman@cpsc.gov, 301–504–7602 (office).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Settlement Agreement and Order appear below.

Dated: September 29, 2023.

Alberta E. Mills,
Secretary.

United States of America

Consumer Product Safety Commission

In the Matter of: BJ'S WHOLESALE CLUB, INC.

CPSC Docket No.: 23–C0004

Settlement Agreement

1. In accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051–2089 (“CPSA”), and 16 CFR 1118.20, BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc. (“BJ's” or the “Firm”), and the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (“Commission” or “CPSC”), through its staff, hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”). The Agreement and the incorporated attached Order resolve staff's charges set forth below.

The Parties

2. The Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency, established pursuant to, and responsible for, the enforcement of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2051–2089. By executing the Agreement, staff is acting on behalf of the Commission, pursuant to 16 CFR 1118.20(b). The Commission issues the Order under the provisions of the CPSA.

3. BJ's is a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the state of Delaware, with its principal place of business in Marlborough, Massachusetts.

Staff Charges

4. During 2011 and 2012, BJ's distributed in the United States approximately 1,778 portable air conditioners manufactured by Royal Sovereign International, Inc. (“Royal Sovereign”), model number PAC–3012 (“Subject Products”).

5. The Subject Products are “consumer products” that were “import[ed]” and “distribut[ed] in commerce,” as those terms are defined or used in sections 3(a)(5), (8), and (9) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5), (8), and (9). BJ's is a “retailer” of the Subject Products, as such term is defined in section 3(a)(13) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(13).

Violation of CPSA Section 19(a)(4)

6. The Subject Products contain a defect which could create a substantial product hazard or create an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death because the motor in the portable air conditioner can ignite the plastic enclosure of the unit, posing a fire and burn hazard.

7. Of the 1,778 units sold by BJ's during 2011 and 2012, a total of 509 units were returned to BJ's by consumers.

8. During the early morning hours of August 24, 2016, a Royal Sovereign Model PAC–3012 portable air conditioner purchased from BJ's was involved in a house fire in Smithtown,

New York. A mother and her two young children were rescued from the fire; the mother died of her injuries in December 2016.

9. BJ's learned of the fire and pending investigation no later than March 2017. At that time, BJ's received a claim letter from plaintiffs' counsel and retained counsel for anticipated wrongful-death and personal-injury litigation arising out of the fire.

10. In March 2021, BJ's issued a notice to consumers who had purchased one of the Subject Products from BJ's advising that the product “does not meet our safety standards” and that “out of an abundance of caution [they should] stop using this product immediately.”

11. Despite possessing information that reasonably supported the conclusion that the Subject Products contained a defect that could create a substantial product hazard or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death, BJ's never reported to the Commission.

12. The Commission and Royal Sovereign jointly announced a recall of the Subject Products on December 22, 2021.

Failure To Timely Report

13. Despite having information reasonably supporting the conclusion that the Subject Products contained a defect which could create a substantial product hazard or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death, BJ's did not notify the Commission immediately of such defect or risk, as required by section 15(b)(3) and (4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b)(3) and (4), in violation of section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4).

14. Because the information in BJ's possession about the Subject Products constituted actual and presumed knowledge, BJ's knowingly violated section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4), as the term “knowingly” is defined in section 20(d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069(d).

15. Pursuant to section 20 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069, BJ's is subject to civil penalties for its knowing violation of section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4).

Response of BJ's

16. This Agreement does not constitute an admission by BJ's to the staff's charges as set forth in paragraphs 4 through 15 above, including without limitation that the Subject Products contained a defect that could create a substantial product hazard or created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or