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Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR); NOAA Research Review Team Report

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research publishes this notice to announce the availability of the NOAA Research Review Team Draft of the Final Report for public comment. The NOAA Research Report is compiled pursuant to requests from the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees in their 2003 reports. The report accompanying the House Commerce, Justice State (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee requests that NOAA review research in NOAA, and specifically OAR, for the purpose of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of its research enterprise. The report addresses how NOAA should improve the management of research to ensure its maximum efficiency and effectiveness.

DATES: Comments on this draft document must be submitted by June 23, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The NOAA Research Review Team Report will be available on the SAB website at http://www.sab.noaa.gov/reports/RRT_final-draft_052504.pdf on May 25, 2004.

The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically to research.review@noaa.gov. For commenters who do not have access to a computer, comments may be submitted in writing to: NOAA Research, Science Advisory Board, (SAB) c/o Ms. M. Whitcomb, Silver Spring Metro Center Bldg 3 Room 11558, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. M. Whitcomb, Silver Spring Metro Center Bldg 3 Room 11558, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (phone 301-713-2454 x 173), during normal business hours of 8 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or visit the SAB web site at: http://www.sab.noaa.gov/reports/RRT_final-draft_052504.pdf.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) publishes this notice to announce the availability of the NOAA Research Report for public comment. NOAA Research will post the NOAA Research Draft of the Final Report for public comment on May 25, 2004. NOAA Research is seeking public comment from all interested parties. This final report is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in the report being submitted to the Congress.

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In response to the Congressional report language, NOAA appointed an "Ad Hoc Review Team," (here called the NOAA Research Review Team), under the auspices of the SAB consisting of five members to compile the requested information. The Review team will be disbanded once the review is completed and a final report issued. This panel is tasked with: (1) Conducting a review of OAR for the purpose of improving the effectiveness and efficiency of its research enterprise; (2) Determining if OAR is adequately linked to NOAA's service organizations, [i.e., National Weather Service (NWS), National Environmental Satellite Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the National Ocean Service (NOS)]; (3) Assessing whether the research programs are relevant to the needs of these organizations. The team's recommendations will assist NOAA in responding to the language in the 2004 House and Senate CJS appropriation reports.

The NOAA Research Review Team is presenting its findings to the SAB in two (2) reports. The first report was posted for public comments in December 2003, and was submitted to NOAA on January 29, 2004. The final report, which incorporates the first draft

report, will be posted on the SAB web site at: http://www.sab.noaa.gov/reports/RRT_final-draft_052504.pdf on May 25, 2004 for public comment. Public comments may be submitted from May 25, 2004 to 30 days after May 25, or June 23, 2004.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the report. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the report, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the draft report, please propose specific remedies.

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting a review. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of reviewer comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: your name(s), organization(s), area(s) of expertise, mailing address(es), telephone and fax numbers, email address(es). Overview comments on the section should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page numbers to which they apply. Please number all pages, (on the upper right hand of each page,) and print identifying information at the top of each page.

Dated: May 10, 2004.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request—Testing and Recordkeeping Requirements Under the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed three year extension of approval of information collection requirements in the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads. 16 CFR part 1632. The standard is

intended to reduce unreasonable risks of burn injuries and deaths from fires associated with mattresses and mattress pads. The standard prescribes a test to assure that a mattress or mattress pad will resist ignition from a smoldering cigarette. The standard requires manufacturers to perform prototype tests of each combination of materials and construction methods used to produce mattresses or mattress pads and to obtain acceptable results from such testing. Sale or distribution of mattresses without successful completion of the testing required by the standard violates section 3 of the Flammable Fabrics Act, 15 U.S.C. 1192. An enforcement rule implementing the standard requires manufacturers to maintain records of testing performed in accordance with the standard and other information about the mattress or mattress pads which they produce. The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting approval of renewal of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

DATES: Written comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary not later than July 13, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Collection of Information—Mattress Flammability Standard" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at cpssc-os@cpssc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed renewal of this collection of information, or to obtain a copy of 16 CFR part 1632, call or write Linda L. Glatz, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; (301) 504-7671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Estimated Burden

The Commission staff estimates that at this time there are 751 establishments producing mattresses, mattress pads, futons, or other types of products required to test and keep records pursuant to 16 CFR part 1632. The staff further estimates that each firm will spend 26 hours for testing and recordkeeping annually for a total of 19,526 hours (751 firms × 26 hours = 19,526 total hours). The annualized cost

would be \$477,996 based on 19,526 hours times \$24.48/hour (based on total compensation of all civilian workers in the U.S., September 2003, Bureau of Labor Statistics).

B. Request for Comments

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. The Commission specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: May 10, 2004.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

DoD Personal Property Program

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command (SDDC), as Program Manager of the Department of Defense (DoD) Personal Property Shipment and Storage Program, proposes to amend Pamphlet 55-4, entitled "How To Do Business in the Department of Defense Personal Property Program." The amended pamphlet is on SDDC's Web site at www.sddc.army.mil, Personal Property, under Carrier Qualification/Performance. We encourage you to review the amended pamphlet. Among other things, the proposed amendments include: Requires all present and future participants (commercial Transportation

Service Providers (TSP's)) in the Domestic and International Personal Property Programs to use our proposed amended qualification process via the Web; addresses financial requirements; revises the Certificate of Independent Pricing (CIP) form and adds a new Certificate of Responsibility (COR) form. In addition, the pamphlet adds Trusted Agent for Electronic Transportation Acquisition and includes language concerning SDDC acting within its sole discretion, an appeal process, no tonnage make-up and changes Standard Carrier Alpha Code procedures.

This **Federal Register** notice supercedes and renders null and void the prior SDDC **Federal Register** notice (67 FR 12540) published on March 19, 2002, concerning "How To Do Business in the Department of Defense Personal Property Program" and the matters contained therein.

DATES: Comments on this proposed policy must be submitted on or before June 14, 2004, to the address given below. SDDC will implement the proposed policy December 1, 2004, except changes affecting the Debt to equity ratio (becomes required, not desired) and not recognizing amounts due from stockholders, affiliated companies or related parties as current assets for the purpose of computing the quick ratio, which will become effective with the submission of 2004 financial statements.

ADDRESSES: Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, ATTN: SDPP-PO, 10N67, Hoffman Building II, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22332-5000; e-mail address: ppqual@sddc.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This change is not considered rule-making within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5, U.S.C. 601-612.

Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, does not apply because no new information collection or recordkeeping requirements are imposed on contractors, offerors or members of the public.

Thomas Hicks,
Chief, Personal Property Division.
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