

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Rachel Cartwright, P.O. Box 1317, Lahaina, Hawaii 96767, has requested an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 895-1450-00.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before May 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907-586-7235); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, NOAA, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-4700 (808/973-2935).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak or Trevor Spradlin, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 895-1450-00, issued on December 23, 1998 (64 FR 862) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226). Permit No. 895-1450-00 authorizes the permit holder to harass annually up to 1,100 humpback whales

(*Megaptera novaeangliae*), including mother/calf pairs, during the conduct of scientific research on the whales in Hawaii waters. The purpose of the research is to study North Pacific humpback whale calf behavior and development. Research activities involve photo-identification and observation of the whales' surface and underwater behaviors. Activities are carried out between January and April, in the waters around the main Hawaiian Islands. The applicant is now requesting authorization to extend the study to Alaska waters. Extending the study to Alaska waters would allow documentation of the whole first year of the life of the humpback whale calf, incorporating the entire period of the calf's known association with the mother. The applicant is not requesting an increase in the number of animals authorized to be harassed under the Permit. The applicant proposes to initiate work in Alaska in early June 2000.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Invention Promoters/Promotion Firms Complaints

ACTION: Proposed Collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Richard J. Apley, Director, Office of Independent Inventor Programs, Crystal Park 2, Suite 906, Washington, DC 20231. In addition, written comments may be sent via e-mail to richard.apley@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Inventors' Rights Act of 1999 requires the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) to publish complaints filed by independent inventors against invention promoters/promotion firms and publish any replies to such complaints. The Inventors' Rights Act requires the PTO to publish these complaints and replies, but it does not require the PTO to enforce the Act, to investigate the complaints, or to participate in any legal proceedings against the invention promoters/promotion firms. The PTO will accept complaints filed against invention promoters/promotion firms and forward those complaints to the invention promoters/promotion firms for response. Both the complaints and the responses will be published so that they will be publicly available as required by the Act. The primary purpose of this collection is to make complaints and responses publicly available; the PTO will not accept complaints submitted under this system if the complainant requests confidentiality. The PTO has developed a form for the purpose of lodging a complaint against a promotion invention firm; however, use of the form is not mandatory as long as the complaint is clearly marked as a complaint filed under the Inventors' Rights Act or the PTO's rules implementing this Act.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand carry when an individual is required to participate in the information collection.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0044.

Agency Form Number(s): PTO/SB/XX.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal Government; and State, Local or Tribal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 responses for a complaint regarding invention promoters/promotion firms and 100 responses for responding to the complaint per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take approximately 15 minutes to submit a complaint and 15 minutes for the invention promoters/promotion firms to respond to a complaint.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance

expenditures are required). Using the professional hourly rate of \$30.00 for paralegals (or professionals equal to paralegals) to prepare the complaint and the average hourly rate of \$101.00 to prepare the response to the complaint, the PTO estimates \$3,275.00 per year for salary costs associated with respondents.

Item	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Complaint Regarding Invention Promoter	15	25	100
Responses to the Complaints	15	25	100
Totals		50	200

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 19 April 2000 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001-2728. Items of discussion will include designs for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral

statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, D.C., 23 March 2000.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 00-C0008]

Standard Mattress Company, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1605.13(4). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Standard Mattress Company, containing a civil penalty of \$60,000.¹

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this

¹ Chairman Ann Brown and Commissioner Thomas H. Moore voted to provisionally accept the agreement. Vice Chairman Mary Sheila Gall voted to approve the agreement with the section VII delegation of authority deleted. Commissioner Moore accompanied his vote with a letter requesting that the staff brief him before exercising the section VII delegated authority.

agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by April 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 00-C0008, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael J. Gidding, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, 1344.

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

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

Consent Order Agreement

Standard Mattress Company ("Respondent"), enters into this Consent Order Agreement ("Agreement") with the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (hereinafter, "Commission") pursuant to the procedures for Consent Order Agreements contained in section 1605.13 of the Commission's Procedures for Investigations, Inspections, and Inquiries under the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), 16 CFR 1605.13. This Agreement and Order are for the sole purpose of settling allegations of the staff that Respondent violated sections 3(a) and 5(c) of the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA), as amended 15 U.S.C. 1192(a) and 1194(c), by failing to comply with requirements under the Standard for the Flammability of Mattresses and Mattress Pads, 16 CFR part 1632 (FF 4-72, amended) (the "Mattress Standard"), as is more fully