Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden: $0.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of the National Medal of Technology and Innovation is to recognize those who have made lasting contributions to America's competitiveness, standard of living, and quality of life through technological innovation, and to recognize those who have made substantial contributions to strengthen the Nation's technological workforce. By highlighting the national importance of technological innovation, the Medal also seeks to inspire future generations of Americans to prepare for and pursue technical careers to keep America on the forefront of global technology and economic leadership.

Affected Public: Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at *www.reginfo.gov.* Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website *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 and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651–0060.

Further information can be obtained by:

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Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Representative and Address Provisions

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on January 15, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

Title: Representative and Address Provisions.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0035.

Form Number(s): (AIA = American Invents; SB = Specimen Book).

- PTO/AIA/80; PTO/SB/80 (Power of Attorney to Prosecute Applications Before the USPTO)
- PTO/AIA/81 (Power of Attorney to One or More of the Joint Inventors and Change of Correspondence Address)
- PTO/SB/81 (Power of Attorney or Revocation of Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address)
- PTO/AIA/81A; PTO/SB/81A (Patent—Power of Attorney or Revocation of Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address)
- PTO/AIA/81B (Reexamination or Supplemental Examination—Patent Owner Power of Attorney or Revocation of Power of Attorney With a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address for Reexamination or Supplemental Examination and Patent)
- PTO/SB/81B (Reexamination—Patent Owner Power of Attorney or Revocation of Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address)
- PTO/SB/81C (Reexamination—Third Party Requester Power of Attorney or Revocation of Power of Attorney with a New Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address)
- PTO/AIA/82A; PTO/AIA/82B; PTO/AIA/82C (Transmittal for Power of Attorney To One Or More Registered Practitioners/Power Of Attorney By Applicant)
- PTO/AIA/83; PTO/SB/83 (Request for Withdrawal as Attorney or Agent and Change of Correspondence Address)
- PTO/SB/124 (Request for Customer Number Data Change)
- PTO/SB/125 (Request for Customer Number)
- PTO–2248 (Request to Update a PCT Application with a Customer Number)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 184,743 respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 226,573 responses per year.

Average Hour per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes the public approximately between 0.05 hours (3 minutes) and 1.5 hours (90 minutes) to submit the information in this information collection, including the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or document, and submit the completed item to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 13,641 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden: $26,241 per year.

Needs and Uses: The public uses this information collection to grant or revoke power of attorney, to withdraw as attorney or agent of record, to authorize a practitioner to act in a representative capacity, to request a Customer Number, and to change the data associated with a Customer Number. This information collection is necessary so that the USPTO knows who is authorized to take action in an application, patent, or reexamination proceeding and where to send correspondence regarding an application, patent, or reexamination proceeding. In this notice, the USPTO has updated and slightly revised its estimated numbers from those originally published in the 60-day notice.

Affected Public: Private Sector; Individuals or Households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at *www.reginfo.gov.* Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information

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- *Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov.* Include ''0651–0035 information request'' in the subject line of the message.
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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC–2021–0006]

Title: Notice of Availability: Proposed Guidance on Alternative Test Methods and Integrated Testing Approaches

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) is announcing the availability of a document titled, ''Proposed Guidance for Industry and Test Method Developers: CPSC Staff Evaluation of Alternative Test Methods and Integrated Testing Approaches and Data Generated from Such Methods to Support FHSA Labeling Requirements.'' The Commission requests comments on the proposed guidance.

DATES: Submit comments by June 14, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2021–0006, by any of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit electronic comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at: *https://www.regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments. The CPSC does not accept comments submitted by electronic mail (email), except through *https://www.regulations.gov.* The CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal, as described above.

Mail/hand delivery/courier Written Submissions: Submit comments by mail/hand delivery/courier to: Division of the Secretariat, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7479; email: *cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.*

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. CPSC may post all comments received without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: *https://www.regulations.gov.* Do not submit electronically: Confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public. If you wish to submit such information, please submit it according to the instructions for written submissions.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to: *https://www.regulations.gov,* and insert the docket number, CPSC–2021–0006, into the ''Search'' box, and follow the prompts. The proposed guidance is available under ''Supporting and Related Material.'' It is also available on the Commission's website at: *https://cpsc.gov/s3fs-public/NOA-Proposed-Guidance-on-Alternative-Test-Methods-and-Integrated-Testing-Approaches.pdf?NDYVpNRIAMpOPJDPzlt770dvxnvPJHh6* and from the Commission's Division of the Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Gordon, Toxicologist, Directorate for Health Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 5 Research Place, Rockville, MD 20850; telephone: 301–987–2025; email: *jgordon@cpsc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), 15 U.S.C. 1261–1275, requires that hazardous substances bear certain cautionary statements on their labels. Manufacturers may perform toxicological tests to determine whether such products require cautionary labeling addressing the hazard. Although animals are still used in toxicological testing, most governmental agencies support reduced use of animals in testing, by promoting the acceptance of data from alternative test methods.

In 1997, the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the National Toxicology Program (NTP), and 13 federal agencies (including CPSC) joined to form the Interagency Coordinating Committee for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM). ICCVAM sponsors scientific review of non-animal tests (known as New Approach Methodologies or NAMs) that may reduce, refine, or replace animal tests in evaluating potential hazards. Reviews from ICCVAM and other federal agencies can provide a basis for regulatory agencies, such as CPSC, to consider non-animal testing alternatives for use in regulatory decision making. In the past, CPSC staff relied upon ICCVAM's validation of new alternative testing methods, as reliable test methods to determine compliance with the labeling requirements of the FHSA. However, ICCVAM no longer formally validates test methods.

In 2012, CPSC issued a policy on non-animal or alternative testing methods to support labeling requirements under the FHSA, as codified under 16 CFR 1500.232 (Animal Testing Policy). CPSC's website lists current CPSC-accepted alternative test methods and their conditions of use.[1] Since 2012, new advancements in toxicological testing, and, in particular, with NAMs, have occurred. NAMs include *in vitro* (in test tube), *in chemico* (all chemical test, no biological material), or *in silico* (computer models) methods and approaches used to test for toxicological effects in place of animal testing. In some cases, NAMs are combined with other NAMs or existing *in vivo* (animal) data to form an ''integrated approach to testing and assessment'' (IATAs).

The Commission reaffirms its policy to find alternatives to traditional animal testing that replace animals, reduce the number of animals tested, and decrease the pain and suffering in animals associated with testing household products. As such, the Commission strongly encourages all agency stakeholders to submit for evaluation by CPSC staff any scientifically validated alternative test methods that do not require animal testing for determining compliance with the labeling requirements under the FHSA.

Because ICCVAM no longer formally validates test methods, to assist stakeholders, including the public, manufacturers, test method developers, and test laboratories, in determining what test methods are deemed reliable for determining compliance with the labeling requirements under the FHSA,

[1] *https://www.cpsc.gov/Business-Manufacturing/Testing-Certification/Recommended-Procedures-Regarding-the-CPSCs-Policy-on-Animal-Testing/.*