

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Commission publishes its semiannual regulatory flexibility agenda. In addition, this document includes an agenda of regulations that the Commission expects to develop or review during the next 12 months. This document meets the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866.

DATES: The Commission welcomes comments on the agenda and on the individual agenda entries.

Submit comments to the Office of the Secretary on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Caption comments on the regulatory agenda, "Regulatory Flexibility Agenda." You can submit comments by e-mail to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. You can also submit comments by mail or delivery to the Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-4408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the agenda, in general, contact Michael A. Rogers, Office of the General Counsel, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814-4408, MRogers@cpsc.gov. For further information regarding a particular item on the agenda, contact the person listed in the column titled "Contact" for that item.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA; 5 U.S.C. 601-612) contains several provisions intended to reduce unnecessary and disproportionate regulatory requirements on small businesses, small governmental organizations, and other small entities. Section 602 of the RFA requires each agency to publish, twice a year, a regulatory flexibility agenda containing "a brief description of the subject area of any rule which the agency expects to propose or promulgate which is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities." 5 U.S.C. 602. The agency must provide a summary of the nature of the rule, the objectives and legal basis for the rule, and an approximate schedule for acting

on each rule for which the agency has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking. *Id.* In addition, the regulatory flexibility agenda must contain the name and telephone number of an agency official who is knowledgeable about the listed items. *Id.* Agencies must attempt to provide notice of their agendas to small entities and solicit their comments either by directly notifying them, or by including the agenda in publications that small entities are likely to obtain. *Id.*

In addition, Executive Order 12866, *Regulatory Planning and Review* (Sep. 30, 1993), requires each agency to publish, twice a year, a regulatory agenda of regulations under development or review during the next year. 58 FR 51735 (Oct. 4, 1993). The Executive Order states that agencies may combine this agenda with the regulatory flexibility agenda required under the RFA. The agenda required by Executive Order 12866 must include all regulations the agency expects to develop or review during the next 12 months, regardless of whether they may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This fall 2023 agenda also includes regulatory activities that the Commission listed in the spring 2023 agenda and completed before publishing this agenda.

The agenda contains a brief description and summary of each regulatory activity, including the objectives and legal basis for each; an approximate schedule of target dates, subject to revision, for developing or completing each activity; and the name and telephone number of an agency official who is knowledgeable about items in the agenda.

The Internet is the primary means for disseminating the Unified Agenda. The complete Unified Agenda will be available online at www.reginfo.gov, in a format that allows users to obtain information from the agenda database.

Because agencies must publish in the **Federal Register** the regulatory flexibility agenda required by the RFA (5 U.S.C. 602), the Commission's printed agenda entries include only:

- (1) rules that are in the agency's regulatory flexibility agenda, in accordance with the RFA, because they are likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities; and
- (2) rules that the agency has identified for periodic review under section 610 of the RFA (5 U.S.C. 610).

The entries in the Commission's printed agenda are limited to fields that contain information that the RFA requires in an agenda. Additional information on these entries is available in the Unified Agenda published on the Internet.

The agenda reflects the Commission's assessment of the likelihood that the specified event will occur during the next year; the precise dates for each rulemaking are uncertain. New information, changes of circumstances, or changes in the law, may alter anticipated timing. In addition, this agenda does not represent a final determination by the Commission or its staff regarding the need for, or the substance of, any rule or regulation.

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