

products. The Commission now announces that it has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget a request for extension of approval of that collection of information.

These regulations implement provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, and the Flammable Fabrics Act that require persons and firms to notify the Commission before exporting any product that fails to comply with an applicable standard or regulation enforced under provisions of those laws. The Commission is required by law to transmit the information relating to the proposed exportation to the government of the country of intended destination.

#### **Additional Information About the Request for Extension of Approval of Information Collection Requirements**

*Agency address:* Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

*Title of information collection:* Procedures for export of noncomplying products, 16 CFR Part 1019.

*Type of request:* Extension of approval.

*Frequency of collection:* Varies depending upon volume of noncomplying goods exported.

*General description of respondents:* Exporters of products that fail to comply with standards or regulations enforced under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act, the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, or the Flammable Fabrics Act.

*Estimated Number of respondents:* 160 per year.

*Estimated average number of responses per respondent:* 1.125 per year.

*Estimated number of responses for all respondents:* 180 per year.

*Estimated number of hours per response:* 1.

*Estimated number of hours for all respondents:* 180 per year.

*Estimated cost of collection for all respondents:* Unknown.

*Comments:* Comments on this request for extension of approval of information collection requirements should be submitted by July 20, 1998 to (1) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for CPSC, Office of Management and Budget, Washington D.C. 20503; telephone: (202) 395-7340, and (2) the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207.

Copies of this request for an extension of an information collection requirement are available from Robert Frye, Director, Office of Planning and

Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone: (301) 504-0416, extension 2243.

Dated: June 15, 1998.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## **CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

### **Sunshine Act Meeting**

**TIME AND DATE:** Thursday, June 25, 1998 10:00 a.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Closed to the Public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### *Compliance Status Report*

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

#### **CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: June 16, 1998.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

### **Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by June 25, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should

be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Danny Werfel, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address Pat\_Sherrill@ed.gov, or should be faxed to 202-708-8196.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used

in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 15, 1998.

**Hazel Fiers,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

**Office of Postsecondary Education**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Year 2000 Survey of the Direct Loan Schools.

*Abstract:* In order to facilitate decision making, the Department will survey Direct Loan Institutions to learn their Year 2000 compliance situations.

*Additional Information:* Direct Loan Schools or their third party servicers will be asked five survey questions.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits; Not-for-profit institutions.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 1,739.

Burden Hours: 290.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Recognition of Accrediting Agencies, State Agencies for Approval of Public Postsecondary Vocational Education, and State Agencies for Approval of Nurse Education**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Request for comments on agencies applying to the Secretary for initial or renewed recognition.

**DATES:** Commenters should submit their written comments by August 3, 1998 to the address below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Karen W. Kershenstein, Director, Accreditation and Eligibility Determination Division, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3915 ROB-3, Washington, DC 20202-5244, telephone: (202) 708-7417. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8399 between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS:** The Secretary of Education recognizes, as reliable authorities as to the quality

of education offered by institutions or programs within their scope, accrediting agencies and State approval agencies for public postsecondary vocational education and nurse education that meet certain criteria for recognition. The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written comments on the agencies listed in this notice that have applied for initial or continued recognition. A subsequent **Federal Register** notice will announce the meeting and invite individuals and/or groups to submit requests for oral presentation before the National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (the "Advisory Committee") on the agencies being reviewed. That notice, however, does not constitute another call for written comment. This notice is the only call for written comment.

All comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed by Department staff as part of its evaluation of the agencies' compliance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition. In order for Department staff to give full consideration to the comments received and to address them in the staff analyses that will be presented to the Advisory Committee at its December 1998 meeting, the comments must arrive at the address listed above not later than August 3, 1998. Comments received after the deadline will be reviewed by Department staff, which will take action, as appropriate, either before or after the meeting, should the comments suggest that an accrediting agency is not acting in accordance with the Secretary's Criteria for Recognition.

All comments must related to the Secretary's Criteria for the Recognition of Accrediting Agencies. Comments pertaining to the agencies whose interim reports will be reviewed must be restricted to the concerns raised in the Secretary's letter for which the report is requested.

The Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Education on the recognition of accrediting agencies and State approval agencies. The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet December 7-9, 1998 in Washington, DC. All written comments in response to this notice that are received by the Department by the deadline will be considered by both the Advisory Committee and the Secretary. Comments received after the deadline, as indicated previously, will be reviewed by Department staff, which will take follow-up action, as appropriate, either before or after the meeting. Commenters whose comments are received after the deadline will be

notified by staff of the disposition of those comments.

The following agencies will be reviewed during the December 1998 meeting of the Advisory Committee:

**Nationally Recognized Accrediting Agencies**

*Petition for Initial Recognition*

1. Northwestern Association of Schools and Colleges, Commission on Schools (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation and preaccreditation ("Candidate for Accreditation") of schools offering non-degree, postsecondary education in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Washington)

*Petitions for Renewal of Recognition*

1. Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools (Current scope of recognition: The accreditation of private, postsecondary allied health education institutions, private medical assistant programs, public and private medical laboratory technician programs, and allied health programs leading to the Associate of Applied Science and the Associate of Occupational Science degree. Requested expansion of scope: The accreditation of institutions offering predominantly allied health education programs. "Predominantly" is defined by the agency as follows: At least 70 percent of the number of active programs offered are in the allied health area, and the number of students enrolled in those programs exceeds 50 percent of the institution's full-time equivalent (FTE) students, or at least 70 percent of the FTE students enrolled at the institution are in allied health programs)

2. National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (requested scope of recognition: the accreditation and preaccreditation ("Preaccreditation") of baccalaureate programs in environmental health science and protection)

3. National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation of programs in practical nursing, and diploma, associate, baccalaureate and higher degree nurse education programs)

4. New York State Board of Regents (requested scope of recognition: The accreditation (registration) of collegiate degree-granting programs or curricula offered by institutions of higher education in the state of New York and of credit-bearing certificate and diploma programs offered by degree-granting institutions of higher education in the state of New York)