

determinations and the potential for commercialization of goods or services embodying those patented inventions. This helps contribute to follow-on innovation, economic growth, and job creation. The USPTO's form for the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program petition, Form PTO/SB/451, is available at <https://www.uspto.gov/patents/apply/forms/>.

The Fast-Track Notice required, among other things, that appellant(s) file a petition before July 2, 2021, to participate in the program. The Fast-Track Notice also set a maximum number of 500 appeals that may be advanced through Fast-Track petitions. The First Extension required that a petition be filed before July 2, 2022, to participate in the program. The Second Extension required that a petition be filed before July 2, 2024, to participate in the program. The First and Second Extensions removed the maximum number of 500 appeals, but they maintained a maximum number of 125 Fast-Track petitions granted per quarter.

The Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program is hereby extended to accept petitions for advancing *ex parte* appeals out of turn (*i.e.*, providing "Fast-Track status") through May 6, 2028. The requirements for the program remain the same as those established in the Fast-Track Notice (*see* 85 FR 39888), with the following modifications regarding the petition limit and the target timeframe to reach a decision.

Consistent with the First and Second Extensions, there is no upper limit of 500 total granted Fast-Track petitions. However, to maintain the Board's ability to provide this faster appeal option while timely resolving other appeals, the number of granted petitions in the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program remains limited to 125 granted petitions per quarter. If a quarterly limit is reached, the PTAB retains the flexibility to accept additional petitions, either for consideration in that quarter or in the next quarter.

Effective in this extension, the Fast-Track Appeals Pilot Program will set a target of reaching a decision on each *ex parte* appeal within four months from the date the appeal enters the program.

Although the previous extension expired on July 2, 2024, the PTAB has been processing petitions to join the program as if the Second Extension period remained in effect. The PTAB will continue to do so under the terms provided in this notice.

The USPTO tracks the number of petitions it grants, the average time it takes to answer petitions, and the average time for the Board to render a decision on the merits of the *ex parte*

appeal after a petition grant. These statistics may be viewed at www.uspto.gov/PTABFastTrack.

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Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a new system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is establishing a new Privacy Act system of records titled "CFTC-59, Insider Risk Program Records." This system of records contains information that the Commission collects, maintains, and uses to administer its Insider Risk program and to detect, deter, and mitigate risks to individuals, facilities, information, equipment, networks, and systems within the CFTC. This newly established system of records will be included in the CFTC's inventory of record systems.

DATES: This system of records, including the routine uses, is effective June 15, 2026. Please submit comments on or before June 5, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified as pertaining to CFTC-59 Insider Risk Program, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov> and press the "Search" button, then proceed as follows:

1. Under Refine Documents Results—check the box to "Only show documents open for comment";

2. Under Agency—select "See More" and check the box for "Commodity Futures Trading Commission," then press the Apply button;

3. Identify this proposal in the list of CFTC documents open for comment, press the "Comment" button to open the submission form, and follow the instructions on the form.

Alternatively, if you are viewing this proposal on www.federalregister.gov, click the "Submit A Public Comment" button at the top of the page to open the comment form. Follow the instructions

on the form to submit your comment to Regulations.gov.

- *Mail:* Send to—Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Address to—CFTC Comment Submission, Attn: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

Please submit your comments using only one of these methods. To avoid possible delays with mail or in-person deliveries, submissions through Regulations.gov are encouraged.

All comments must be submitted in English or, if not, accompanied by an English translation. Do not include in your comment text or attachments any personal identifying information or business information that you do not want published online. Comments (regardless of submission method) will be published without review for, and without removal of, any personal identifying information or information your business may consider confidential.

If you wish to submit confidential information for the Commission's consideration, please contact the CFTC personnel listed in this Notice under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** before making any submission. Please also carefully review the Commission's procedures in 17 CFR 145.9 for requesting confidential treatment under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) of information submitted to the Commission.

The CFTC reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, or redact all or any part of your comment submission. The CFTC also reserves the right, without further notification, to refuse to publish or to remove from public view all or any part of your submission to the extent it contains content inappropriate for publication in a comment file, such as—without limitation—obscene language, threats of violence, solicitations for commercial sales or illegal activity, or obvious spam. If a submission that is refused for or withdrawn from publication because of inappropriate content also contains comments on the merits of this proposal, such submission will be retained in the record for the matter and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the FOIA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kellie Cosgrove Riley, Chief Privacy Officer, privacy@cftc.gov, (202) 418-5610, Office of the General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. 552a, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is establishing a new system of records titled "CFTC-59, Insider Risk Program Records." The Commission recently established an Insider Risk Program responsible for detecting insider risks; preventing insider risks by establishing a secure operating environment that protects individuals, facilities, information, equipment, networks, and information systems; responding to insider risks; and implementing response measures.

An Insider is any person who has or had authorized access to or knowledge of the CFTC's resources, including employees, facilities, information, equipment, networks, and systems. An Insider Risk is a risk that an insider will use their authorized access, wittingly or unwittingly, to harm the security of organizational operations and assets, individuals, other organizations, or the Nation. This risk or threat can include damage through espionage, terrorism, unauthorized disclosure, or through the loss or degradation of organizational resources or capabilities. An Insider Risk may be identified through examination of network activity or other logs that reveal an individual's access to information the individual does not have a need-to-know; access to physical spaces or the network at hours outside of normal work habits/hours; out-of-the-ordinary downloading, printing, or emailing of large volumes of materials; or other identified anomalies in an individual's workplace behavior.

The Commission's Insider Risk Program is made up of an Insider Risk Response Team within the CFTC's Cyber and Physical Security Branch and an Insider Risk Working Group, which includes representatives from a small number of CFTC stakeholder offices, that reviews and approves the activities of the Insider Risk Response Team. The Insider Risk Program collects information about individuals who pose a potential or actual Insider Risk in the course of investigating and mitigating that risk. This includes information from a variety of sources, including via the use of network monitoring tools, from CFTC employees who report suspected or potential insider risk

activity, and from various records maintained by the Commission or by others, such as personnel records, incident reports, disciplinary records, access and print logs, and physical security records. The Insider Risk Program records are generally not intended to be disclosed outside of the Commission and, therefore, the routine uses in the SORN are limited to those instances where disclosure is necessary for, e.g., litigation, law enforcement, breach response, obtaining information relevant to an insider risk investigation, and to meet audit and records requirements.

This newly established system of records will be included in CFTC's inventory of record systems. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552a(r), the CFTC has provided a report of this system of records to the Office of Management and Budget and to Congress. In addition, the CFTC is issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to exempt this system of records from certain provisions of the Privacy Act elsewhere in the **Federal Register**.

SYSTEM NAME AND NUMBER:

Insider Risk Program Records, CFTC-59.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

The Cyber Security Section, Cyber and Physical Security Branch, Division of Administration in the CFTC office at Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC, is responsible for the collection and maintenance of the records in this system of records.

SYSTEM MANAGER(S):

Deputy Chief Information Security Officer, Cybersecurity Section, Cyber and Physical Security Branch, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Authority for the maintenance of this system of records is derived from Executive Order 13587, *Structural Reforms to Improve the Security of Classified Networks and the Responsible Sharing and Safeguarding of Classified Information*, from 15 U.S.C 278g-3, Computer standards program, and from threat- and risk-related procedural requirements indicated in National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Publication 800-53, Rev. 5, *Security and Privacy Controls for Information Systems and Organizations*.

PURPOSE(S) OF THE SYSTEM:

The purpose of this system of records is to detect, deter, and mitigate insider risks and to protect individuals, facilities, information, equipment, networks, and systems from insider risks. The records in this system of records will be used to manage insider risk inquiries and complaints; identify and track potential insider risks to the CFTC; manage referrals of potential insider risks to and from external partners; facilitate the creation of statistical reports and meet any insider risk reporting requirements; and support the identification of systemic insider risk issues and challenges to develop solutions for detecting, deterring, and mitigating those challenges.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

CFTC employees, contractors, and any other individuals who have or had been granted access to CFTC facilities and networks.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

The records in this system of records include all information collected in the context of investigating a potential or actual insider risk. That information may include:

- Name, including alias(es) and former names.
- Physical mailing addresses.
- Email addresses.
- Phone numbers.
- Sex.
- Height and weight.
- Hair and eye color.
- Biometric data (e.g., fingerprints, iris scans).
- Other distinguishing physical attributes.
- Race, national origin, and ethnicity.
- Citizenship.
- Date and place of birth.
- Social Security number.
- Driver license number(s).
- Vehicle Identification Number(s).
- License plate number(s).
- Passport number(s).
- Personal Identity Verification (PIV) information.
- Other unique identifiers.
- Education history.
- Work history.
- Performance information and evaluations.
- Background investigation reports and supporting documentation.
- Briefing and debriefing statements for special programs and sensitive positions.
- Courier authorization requests.
- Current and former clearance status(s).
- Document control registries.

- Facility access records.
- CCTV footage.
- Nondisclosure agreements.
- Records reflecting personal and official foreign travel.
 - Requests for access to proprietary, sensitive, or Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI).
 - Time and attendance information.
 - Drug test results.
 - Incident reports.
 - Individuals' statements or affidavits and correspondence.
 - Investigative records of a criminal, civil, or administrative nature.
 - Letters, emails, memoranda, and reports.
 - Records obtained from the Intelligence Community, law enforcement partners, or from other agencies or organizations as collaborators.
 - User Activity Monitoring records.
 - Financial records obtained from Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Records in this system of records are obtained from a variety of sources, to include software that monitors users' activity on the CFTC computer network; individuals or their employers; CFTC offices and divisions; public open-source platforms; and other federal, state, or local government or private sector entities. Records in this system of records may also be obtained from individuals who report insider risks to the Insider Risk Program.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

In addition to those disclosures generally permitted under 5 U.S.C. 552a(b) of the Privacy Act, all or a portion of the records or information contained in this system may be disclosed outside of the Commission as a routine use pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3) as follows:

- a. To the Department of Justice when:
 - (i) the Commission, or any component thereof; or
 - (ii) any employee of the Commission in their official capacity; or
 - (iii) any employee of the Commission in their individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent the employee; or
 - (iv) the United States, where the Commission determines that litigation is likely to affect the Commission or any of its components,
 - is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the use of such records by the Department of Justice is deemed by the Commission to be relevant and necessary to the litigation.

b. In a proceeding before a court or adjudicative body before which the Commission is authorized to appear, during a proceeding before that court or adjudicative body, when:

- (i) the Commission, or any component thereof; or
- (ii) any employee of the Commission in his or her official capacity; or
- (iii) any employee of the Commission in his or her individual capacity where the Commission has agreed to represent the employee; or
- (iv) the United States, where the Commission determines that litigation is likely to affect the Commission or any of its components,
 - is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and the Commission determines that use of such records is relevant and necessary to the litigation.

c. To the appropriate federal, state, local, territorial, tribal, or foreign law enforcement authority or other appropriate entity, when a record, either alone or in conjunction with other information, indicates a violation or potential violation of law—whether criminal, civil, or regulatory in nature—and the authority or entity to whom the record is disclosed is charged with the responsibility for investigating or prosecuting such violation or is charged with enforcing or implementing such law.

d. To the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) for records management inspections being conducted under the authority of 44 U.S.C. 2904 and 2906.

e. To contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, or volunteers performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for the Commission when necessary to accomplish a Commission function related to this system of records.

f. To a member of Congress from the record of an individual in response to an inquiry made at the request of the individual to whom the record pertains, but only to the extent that the record would be legally accessible to that individual.

g. To appropriate agencies, entities, and persons when (1) the Commission suspects or has confirmed that there has been a breach of the system of records, (2) the Commission has determined that as a result of the suspected or confirmed breach there is a risk of harm to individuals, the Commission (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security; and (3) the disclosure made to such agencies, entities, and persons is reasonably necessary to assist

in connection with the Commission's efforts to respond to the suspected or confirmed breach or to prevent, minimize, or remedy such harm.

h. To another Federal agency or Federal entity, when the Commission determines that information from this system of records is reasonably necessary to assist the recipient agency or entity in (1) responding to a suspected or confirmed breach or (2) preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

i. To any third party when the Commission determines that the third party has or potentially has relevant information about the subject of an insider risk investigation, but only those records necessary to identify the individual and obtain information pertinent to the investigation.

j. To the National Insider Threat Task Force (NITF) for the purpose of conducting an audit of the Insider Risk Program pursuant to Executive Order 13587, Sections 6.3(f) and 7(d), but only to the extent necessary to meet the parameters of the audit.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

The records in this system are maintained electronically or on paper in secure facilities and available only to those with a business need to know. Electronic records are stored on the Commission's secure network and access is controlled via role-based permissions.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

The records in this system are retrieved by an individual's name or associated case file number, email address, computer assigned identification number, business affiliation, event name, or other personal identifier.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

The records in this system are maintained and disposed of in accordance with the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) General Records Schedule GRS 5.6 Security Management Records. Specifically, items 210 Insider threat administrative and operations records, 220 Insider threat inquiry records, and 230 Insider threat information. All electronic records, files, and data are destroyed either by physical destruction of the electronic storage media or by

erasure of the data. Any paper records are disposed of by shredding.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

Records are protected from unauthorized access and improper use and disclosure through administrative, technical, and physical security measures employed by the CFTC. Administrative safeguards include maintenance of written policies, standards, and procedures reinforced by training and periodic auditing. Technical security safeguards include restrictions on computer access to authorized individuals who have a legitimate need to know the information, required use of strong passwords that are frequently changed, multi-factor authentication for remote access and access to many network components, use of encryption for certain data types and transfers, and firewalls and intrusion detection applications. Physical safeguards include restrictions on building access to authorized individuals, use of security guard services, and video surveillance.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

The Commission has exempted this system of records from the access provisions of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and subject to the limitations and requirements therein. However, the Commission will consider individual requests for access and determine on a case-by-case basis whether the records may be released. Individuals seeking access to records about themselves in this system should address written inquiries to the Office of the General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. See 17 CFR 146.3 for full details on what to include in a Privacy Act access request.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

The Commission has exempted this system of records from the notification, access, and amendment provisions of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and subject to the limitations and requirements therein. Individuals contesting the content of records about themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Office of the General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. See 17 CFR 146.8 for full details on what to include in a Privacy Act amendment request. The Commission

will determine on a case-by-case basis whether to accept such a request.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

The Commission has exempted this system of records from the notification, access, and amendment provisions of the Privacy Act pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and subject to the limitations and requirements therein. However, the Commission will consider individual requests for notification and determine on a case-by-case basis whether to provide the requested notification. Individuals seeking notification of any records pertaining to themselves contained in this system should address written inquiries to the Office of the General Counsel, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. See 17 CFR 146.3 for full details on what to include in a Privacy Act notification request.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

The Commission, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) and subject to the limitations and requirements set forth therein, has exempted this system of records from the following provisions of the Privacy Act: (c)(3); (d); (e)(1); (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I); and (f). To the extent a record contains information from other systems of records to which additional exemptions apply, the Commission will also recognize and apply those exemptions.

HISTORY:

None.

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Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[Docket No. CPSC-2026-0100]

Request for Information on Counterfeit Certification Markings

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) seeks public comment on the prevalence and safety risks of mislabeling or unauthorized use of counterfeit certification marks, specifically CPSC and consumer reliance on these marks as indicia of safety, and the financial impacts on affected stakeholders.

DATES: Submit comments by July 6, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You can submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC- 2026-0100, 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. CPSC typically does not accept comments submitted by email, except as described below.

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier/Confidential Written Submissions: CPSC encourages you to submit electronic comments by using the Federal eRulemaking Portal. You may, however, submit comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504-7479. If you wish to submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information that you do not want to be available to the public, you may submit such comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier, or you may email them to: cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

Instructions: All submissions must include the agency name and docket number. CPSC may post all comments without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Do not submit to this website 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, submit it according to the instructions for mail/hand delivery/courier/confidential written submissions.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, insert docket number CPSC- 2026-0100 into the "Search" box, and follow the prompts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) was enacted in 1972 and codified at 15 U.S.C. 2051-2089. CPSA Section 19(a)(12) prohibits counterfeit certification markings on any consumer product, stating, "It shall be unlawful