

TABLE 1—GEAR MARKING REQUIREMENTS

Area	Northeast region lobster and Jonah crab trap/pot gear marking requirement
State Waters	One 3-foot (0.9-m) state-specific colored mark (based on principal port state) in surface system within 2 fathoms (3.7 m) of the buoy. At least two 1-foot (0.3-m) marks in the state (principal port) color in the primary buoy line, one in the top half and one in the bottom half. Maine exempt waters are regulated by Maine and not included in Federal regulations.
All Northeast Region Federal waters, except LMA 3.	A 3-foot (0.9- m) state-specific colored mark within two fathoms (3.7m) of the buoy. At least three 1-foot (0.3-m) marks in the state (principal port) color on the top, middle, and bottom of the primary buoy line. Additional Northeast Region Federal water mark within 6 inches of each state-specific color: 1-foot (0.3-m) green marks.
LMA 3	A 3-foot (0.9-m) black mark within 2 fathoms (3.7 m) of the buoy. At least three 1-foot (0.3-m) black marks on the top, middle, and bottom of the primary buoy line. Additional Northeast Region Federal water mark within 6 inches of each black mark: 1-foot (0.3-m) green marks within 6 inches (15.24 cm).

Since the last continuation of this data collection in 2023, NMFS released a final rule to address the gap between Federal and state waters of the Massachusetts Restricted Area (MRA) by closing this area, known as the MRA Wedge, to trap/pot fishing gear between February and April annually. This final rule contained no new information collection requirements under the PRA. The only changes to this collection since the 2023 submission were to update material and labor costs based on 2025 economic data.

II. Method of Collection

Information is disclosed in the form of gear marking.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0364.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission [extension of current information collection].

Affected Public: Primary respondents are business or other for-profit organizations (fishermen), and individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,970.

Estimated Time per Response: The time to mark each line varies based on the number of marks required by area, but it is estimated that each mark takes between 6–9 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 222,320. The estimated total annual burden is between 43–56 hours per year, per vessel. The estimated total annual burden for all 3,970 vessels is between 170,710–222,320 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: The estimated cost is \$27–\$75 per vessel per year. For all 3,970 vessels, the total annual estimated cost to the public is between \$107,190 and \$297,750.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

Legal Authority: Marine Mammal Protection Act.

IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this information collection request. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Determination Regarding Technological Feasibility of Lead Content Reduction

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) has evaluated whether to revise lead limits for children's products and paints or similar surface-coating materials, including toys and other articles intended for use by children and furniture articles for consumer use, that bear lead-containing paint. The Commission has determined that current regulations already require the lowest amount of lead that is technologically feasible to achieve. Therefore, the Commission is not revising these lead limits at this time.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CPSC regulates the lead content in certain consumer products under the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA). Section 101(a) of the CPSIA (15 U.S.C. 1278a(a)) limits the lead content in any component of a children's product intended primarily for children 12 years old and younger to 100 ppm. Paints or similar surface-coating materials, including toys and other articles intended for use by children and furniture articles for consumer use, that bear lead-containing paint that contains 0.009% or more lead by weight are banned hazardous products under sections 8 and 9 of the Consumer Product Safety Act. 15 U.S.C. 1278a(f) (codified at 16 CFR part 1303).

Manufacturers and importers of children's products subject to the lead requirements are required to certify their product using a CPSC-accepted third-party laboratory. 15 U.S.C. 2063.

Section 101 of the CPSIA requires periodic review and possible further reductions of the lead limit for children's products and paints or similar surface-coatings and states that the Commission "shall, based on the best available scientific and technical information, periodically review and revise downward the limit set forth . . . no less frequently than every 5 years after promulgation of the limit . . . to require the lowest amount of lead that the Commission determines is technologically feasible to achieve." 15 U.S.C. 1278a(a)(2)(E) and (f)(2).

Section 101(d) of the CPSIA provides that a lead limit shall be deemed technologically feasible with regard to a product or product category if:

- a product that complies with the limit is commercially available in the product category;
- technology to comply with the limit is commercially available to manufacturers or is otherwise available within the common meaning of the term;
- industrial strategies or devices have been developed that are capable, or will be capable of, achieving such a limit by the effective date of the limit and that companies, acting in good faith, are generally capable of adopting; or
- alternative practices, best practices, or other operational changes would allow the manufacturer to comply with the limit.

15 U.S.C. 1278a(d).

CPSC staff conducted the required assessment under Section 101 of the CPSIA. The CPSC currently maintains some of the most stringent lead restrictions in the world for children's products, consumer paints and certain painted products. Although lead is sometimes intentionally added to materials to create a desirable functional property, such uses generally result in lead concentrations considerably above the current lead limits for children's products, consumer paints and certain painted products. Relatively low lead levels, such as near or below the current limits, may be considered as unintentional or contaminant levels of lead.

Measuring lead at low "trace" levels requires careful analysis using appropriate methods and sophisticated and sensitive laboratory instruments. The CPSC has published several test methods to determine the total lead content in children's metal and non-metal products and paints or similar

surface coating materials: CPSC-CH-E1001-08.3 Total Lead (Pb) in Children's Metal Products (Including Children's Metal Jewelry), CPSC-CH-E1002-08.3 Total Lead (Pb) in Non-Metal Children's Products, and CPSC Test Method CPSC-CH-E1003-09 Standard Operating Procedure for Determining Lead (Pb) in Paint and Other Similar Surface Coatings.¹

Staff assessed the technological feasibility of reducing both the current total lead content limit by weight to under 100 ppm and the current lead limit in paints to under 90 ppm based on the current testing capabilities and limits of detection for lead. Since the enactment of section 101(a) of the CPSIA, there have been no new or improved testing capabilities generally available to commercial or government laboratories that would support reproducible and reliable testing for lead content significantly lower than the current limits. The two main analytical methods CPSC uses to measure lead are X-ray Fluoresce spectroscopy (XRF) and Inductively Coupled Plasma Optical Emission Spectroscopy (ICP-OES). Limits of Detection (LODs) are the lowest level an instrument can detect in a certain substrate and are determined using ideal, homogeneous materials. LODs for both XRF- and ICP-based methods have not significantly changed over recent years. As such, achievable limits of quantification for real-world children's product samples have remained unchanged since passage of the CPSIA. Therefore, staff recommend that the current lead limit for children's products remain at 100 ppm and the current lead limit for paints remain at 0.009 percent.

Based on CPSC staff's assessment, the Commission determines that current regulations already require the lowest amount of lead that is technologically feasible to achieve. Therefore, the Commission is not revising these lead limits at this time.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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¹ www.cpsc.gov/Business-Manufacturing/Testing-Certification/Lab-Accreditation/Test-Methods.

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

National Roundtable on Childhood Drowning Prevention; Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) announces a public roundtable to discuss strategies for reducing childhood drowning associated with consumer products. The roundtable is intended to assist the Commission in evaluating existing approaches to childhood drowning prevention and identifying opportunities to strengthen future Commission actions, including public education, consumer product safety initiatives, standards development, research, stakeholder engagement, and other efforts intended to reduce childhood drowning. The roundtable will consist of invited participants representing a range of relevant disciplines and stakeholder perspectives. The Commission also invites interested persons and entities to submit written comments on the topics identified in this notice. Information received through the roundtable and public comments will assist the Commission in evaluating future priorities for reducing childhood drowning associated with consumer products.

DATES: The roundtable will be held on June 30, 2026, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT). Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 29, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in person at CPSC's headquarters and available online via webinar. For invitees attending in person, the meeting will be held at CPSC's headquarters, located at 4330 East-West Highway, 4th Floor—Hearing Room, Bethesda, MD 20814. Individuals from the public who plan to attend the meeting remotely should use the following link to access the meeting: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/affdfd61-f235-4c46-ad92-0b178670ff13@7f5de26c-a63d-475c-9b6c-4126a914e132>. The Commission will accept written comments as well. These must be received by the Office of the Secretary at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on June 29, 2026. Written comments should be sent by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov with the subject line, "National Roundtable on Childhood Drowning Prevention."