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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Civil Penalties; Notice of Adjusted Maximum Amounts

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of adjusted maximum civil penalty amounts.

SUMMARY: In 1990, Congress enacted statutory amendments to adjust the maximum civil penalty amounts authorized under the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA), the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (FHSA), and the Flammable Fabrics Act (FFA). On August 14, 2008, the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (CPSIA) increased the maximum civil penalty amounts to $100,000 for each violation and $15,000,000 for any related series of violations. The CPSIA tied the effective date of the new amounts to the earlier of the date on which final regulations are issued, or 1 year after August 14, 2008. The new amounts became effective on August 14, 2009. The CPSIA also revised the starting date, from December 1, 1994 to December 1, 2011, and December 1 of each fifth calendar year thereafter, on which the Commission must prescribe and publish in the **Federal Register**, the schedule of maximum authorized penalties. On December 1, 2021, the CPSC published increased maximum authorized civil penalty amounts of $120,000 for each violation and $17,150,000 for any related series of violations. As calculated in accordance with the amendments, the new amounts are $140,000 for each violation and $20,350,000 for any related series of violations.

DATES: These new amounts will become effective after January 1, 2027.[1]

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 1990 (Improvement Act), Public Law 101–608, 104 Stat. 3110 (Nov. 16, 1990), and the CPSIA, Public Law 110–314, 122 Stat. 3016 (Aug. 14, 2008), amended the CPSA, FHSA, and FFA. The Improvement Act added civil penalty authority to the FHSA and FFA, which previously contained only criminal penalties. 15 U.S.C. 1264(c) and 1194(e). The Improvement Act also increased the maximum civil penalty amounts applicable to civil penalties under the CPSA and set the same maximum amounts for the newly created FHSA and FFA civil penalties. 15 U.S.C. 2069(a)(1), 1264(c)(1) and 1194(e)(1).

The Improvement Act amended the CPSA, FHSA, and FFA to adjust the maximum civil penalty amounts periodically for inflation. 15 U.S.C. 2069(a)(3), 1264(c)(6), and 1194(e)(5). The Improvement Act required that the Commission ''prescribe and publish in the **Federal Register** a schedule of maximum authorized penalties that shall apply for violations that occur after January 1 of the year immediately following such publication'' not later than December 1, 1994, and December 1 of each fifth calendar year thereafter, and directed how the Commission must calculate the schedule. Section 115(a)–(c) of Public Law 101–608.

The CPSIA amended the CPSA, FHSA, and FFA to increase the maximum authorized civil penalty amounts to $100,000 for each violation and $15,000,000 for any related series of violations. 15 U.S.C. 2069(a)(1), 1264(c)(1), and 1194(e)(1). The CPSIA amended the starting date in the CPSA from not later than December 1, 1994, and December 1 of each fifth calendar year thereafter, to not later than December 1, 2011, and December 1 of each fifth calendar year thereafter, as the date on which ''the Commission shall prescribe and publish in the **Federal Register** a schedule of maximum authorized penalties that shall apply for violations that occur after January 1 of the year immediately following such publication.'' Section 217 (a)(1)–(3) of Public Law 110–314. The CPSIA tied the effective date of the new amounts to the earlier of the date on which final regulations are issued under section 217(b)(2) of Public Law 110–314, or 1 year after August 14, 2008. Section 217(a)(4) of Public Law 110–314. The new amounts became effective on August 14, 2009.

On December 1, 2021, the CPSC published increased maximum authorized civil penalty amounts of $120,000 for each violation and $17,150,000 for any related series of violations. The Commission's Directorate for Economic Analysis calculated the cost-of-living adjustment increases the maximum civil penalty amounts to $142,466 for each violation and to $20,360,701 for any related series of violations. In accordance with statutory directions regarding rounding, the adjusted maximum amounts are $140,000 for each violation and $20,350,000 for any related series of violations. These new amounts apply to violations that occur after January 1, 2027.

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Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Survey on Use of Funds Under Title II, Part A

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education (ED).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Department is proposing an extension without change of a currently approved information collection request (ICR).

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for proposed information collection requests should be submitted within 30 days of publication of this notice. Click on this link *www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain* to access the site. Find this information collection request (ICR) by selecting ''Department of Education'' under ''Currently Under Review,'' then check the ''Only Show ICR for Public Comment'' checkbox. *Reginfo.gov* provides two links to view documents related to this information collection request. Information collection forms and instructions may be found by clicking on the ''View Information Collection (IC) List'' link. Supporting statements and other supporting documentation may be found by clicking on the ''View Supporting Statement and Other Documents'' link.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions related to collection

[1] The Commission voted 3–0 to approve publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice.