

related to banking and permissible for bank holding companies. Unless otherwise noted, these activities will be conducted throughout the United States.

Each notice is available for inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notice also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the question whether the proposal complies with the standards of section 4 of the BHC Act. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding the applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than November 6, 2006.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (Donna J. Ward, Assistant Vice President) 925 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64198-0001:

1. *Winter Trust of 12/3/74*, Ottawa, Kansas, and its subsidiary, Peoples, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado, to engage indirectly in mortgage lending activities, pursuant to section 225.28(b)(1) of Regulation Y, through the acquisition of a 60 percent interest in Oread Mortgage, L.L.C., Lawrence, Kansas, by Peoples Bank, Lawrence, Kansas.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, October 17, 2006.

Jennifer J. Johnson,
Secretary of the Board.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission (FTC or Commission).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FTC is soliciting public comments on proposed information requests to food and beverage companies and quick service restaurants. These comments will be considered before the FTC submits a request for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) review under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, of compulsory process orders to major food and beverage manufacturers and quick service restaurant companies in order to obtain information from those companies concerning, among other things, their marketing activities and expenditures targeted toward children and adolescents.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information requests must be received on or before December 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments. Comments should refer to "Food Industry Marketing to Children Report: Paperwork Comment; FTC File No. P064504" to facilitate the organization of comments. A comment filed in paper form should include this reference both in the text and on the envelope, and should be mailed or delivered, with two complete copies, to the following address: Federal Trade Commission/Office of the Secretary, Room H-135 (Annex R), 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20580. Because paper mail in the Washington area and at the Commission is subject to delay, please consider submitting your comments in electronic form, as prescribed below. However, if the comment contains any material for which confidential treatment is requested, it must be filed in paper form, and the first page of the document must be clearly labeled "Confidential."¹ The FTC is requesting that any comment filed in paper form be sent by courier or overnight service, if possible.

Comments filed in electronic form should be submitted by using the following Weblink: <https://secure.commentworks.com/foodmarketingpaperworkcomment> (and following the instructions on the Web-based form). To ensure that the Commission considers an electronic comment, you must file it on the Web-based form at the Weblink <https://secure.commentworks.com/foodmarketingpaperworkcomment>. If this notice appears at <http://www.regulations.gov>, you may also file an electronic comment through that Web site. The Commission will consider all comments that regulations.gov forwards to it.

The Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 42-58 (FTC Act), and other laws the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use as appropriate. All timely and responsive public comments, whether filed in paper or electronic form, will be considered by the Commission, and will be available to the public on the FTC Web site, to the extent practicable, at <http://www.ftc.gov>. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to

¹ Any request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, must accompany the comment and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See Commission Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC's privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be addressed to Mary Johnson, 202-326-3115, or Rielle Montague, 202-326-2645, Attorneys, Division of Advertising Practices, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Federal Trade Commission. The FTC staff contacts can be reached by mail at: Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., NJ-3212, Washington, DC 20580.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 22, 2005, the President signed a bill appropriating funds for the Commission for FY 2006. Public Law 109-108. The Conference Report (H.R. Rep. No. 109-272 (2005)) for this law incorporates by reference language from the Senate Report (S. Rep. No. 109-88 (2005)), instructing the FTC to prepare a report on food industry marketing activities and expenditures targeted to children and adolescents.² To prepare the report, the Commission needs relevant information, including empirical data, on the nature and extent of marketing activities and expenditures targeted to children and adolescents.

On March 1, 2006, the FTC published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting relevant information. 71 FR 10535. In response, the Commission received comments from five food industry associations, two public health advocacy organizations, a marketing trade organization, and one individual.³ In general, the comments suggested resources from which relevant information may be available⁴ and points to consider in developing the report. However, the comments presented minimal information, especially empirical data, on the nature and extent of marketing activities and expenditures targeted to children and adolescents. The Commission thus

² The Senate Report requests that the FTC's report: Include an analysis of commercial advertising time on television, radio, and in print media; in-store marketing; direct payments for preferential shelf placement; events; promotions on packaging; all Internet activities; and product placements in television shows, movies, and video games.

³ The comments are available at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/comments/foodmarketingstudy/index.htm>.

⁴ Many of the suggested resources charge substantial amounts for information. Public Law 109-108 did not contain any specific funding to acquire information for this study.

requires additional data and information in order to complete the report.

The FTC has the authority to compel production of this data and information from food and beverage companies and quick service restaurants under Section 6(b) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(b). The Commission intends to send its information requests to the ultimate parents of these types of companies to assure that no relevant data from affiliated or subsidiary companies goes unreported. Because the number of separately incorporated companies affected by the Commission's requests will exceed ten entities, the Commission intends to seek OMB clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) before sending any information requests.

Under the PRA, federal agencies must obtain approval from OMB for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" means agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. (44 U.S.C. 3502(3), 5 CFR 1320.3(c)). As required by the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), the FTC is providing this opportunity for public comment before requesting that OMB grant the clearance for the proposed information collection requirements.

The FTC invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collections of information are necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the FTC, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses. All comments should be filed as prescribed in the **ADDRESSES** section above, and must be received on or before December 21, 2006.

A. Information Requests to Food and Beverage Industry Members

1. Description of the Collection of Information and Proposed Use

The FTC proposes to send information requests to approximately fifty (50) ultimate parent companies of

food and beverage and quick service restaurant companies in the United States ("industry members"). The companies that are likely to receive these information requests are those selling the categories of food and beverage products that appear to be advertised to children most frequently. Specifically, these categories of products are likely to include quick service restaurant items, breakfast cereals, snack foods, candy and gum, carbonated and noncarbonated beverages, frozen and chilled desserts, prepared meals, and dairy products, including milk and yogurt. In addition, the FTC proposes to collect information from major marketers of fruits and vegetables to ensure that data are gathered regarding efforts to promote consumption of these foods among children and adolescents.

The information requests will seek data regarding, among other things: (1) The types of foods marketed to children and adolescents; (2) the types of measured⁵ and unmeasured⁶ media techniques used to market products to children and adolescents; (3) the amount spent to communicate marketing messages in measured and unmeasured media to children and adolescents; and (4) the amount of commercial advertising time in measured media directed to children and adolescents that results from this spending.

It should be noted that subsequent to this notice, any destruction, removal, mutilation, alteration, or falsification of documentary evidence that may be responsive to this information collection within the possession or control of a person, partnership, or corporation subject to the FTC Act may be subject to criminal prosecution. 15 U.S.C. 50; *see also* 18 U.S.C. 1505.

Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), bars the Commission from publicly disclosing trade secrets or confidential commercial or financial information it receives from persons pursuant to, among other methods, special orders authorized by Section 6(b) of the FTC Act. Such information also would be exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4)). Moreover, under Section 21(c) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 57b-2(c), a submitter who designates a

submission as confidential is entitled to 10 days' advance notice of any anticipated public disclosure by the Commission, assuming that the Commission has determined that the information does not, in fact, constitute 6(f) material. Although materials covered under one or more of these various sections are protected by stringent confidentiality constraints, the FTC Act and the Commission's rules authorize disclosure in limited circumstances (*e.g.*, official requests by Congress, requests from other agencies for law enforcement purposes, and administrative or judicial proceedings). Even in those limited contexts, however, the Commission's rules may afford protections to the submitter, such as advance notice to seek a protective order in litigation. *See* 15 U.S.C. 57b-2; 16 CFR 4.9-4.11.

Finally, the information presented in the report will not reveal company-specific data. *See* 15 U.S.C. 57b-2(d)(1)(B). Rather, the Commission anticipates providing information on an anonymous or aggregated basis, in a manner sufficient to protect individual companies' confidential information, to provide a factual summary of food industry marketing activities and expenditures targeted to children and adolescents.

2. Estimated Hours Burden

The FTC staff's estimate of the hours burden is based on the time required to respond to each information request. The Commission intends to issue the information requests to approximately 50 parent companies of food and beverage and quick service restaurant advertisers. Because these companies vary in size, in the number of products that they market to children and adolescents, and in the extent and variety of their marketing and advertising, the FTC staff has provided a range of the estimated hours burden.

Based upon its knowledge of the industries, the staff estimates, on average, that the time required to gather, organize, format, and produce such responses ranges between 80-120 hours per information request for companies that market a single category of product to children and adolescents. Staff estimates that companies that market multiple categories of products to children and adolescents would spend between 120-300 hours to respond to an information request. The total estimated burden per company is based on the following:

Identify, obtain, and organize sales information, prepare response: 15-35 hours.

⁵ "Measured media" includes methods such as television, print (magazine and newspaper), radio, outdoor advertising, and some forms of Internet advertising.

⁶ "Unmeasured media" includes methods such as in-store marketing (including shelf placement), events, package promotions, and product placement in entertainment media (including television shows, movies, video games, and music recordings).

Identify, obtain, and organize information on advertising and marketing expenditures, prepare response: 15–75 hours.

Identify, obtain, and organize media placement information, prepare response: 40–160 hours.

Identify, obtain, and organize information regarding marketing policies, prepare response: 10–30 hours.

Total 80–300 hours.

Assuming that approximately 35 information requests are sent to parent companies that market a single category of product to children and adolescents, staff estimates a total burden for these companies of 3,500 hours (35 companies $\times$ 100 average burden hours per company). Assuming that approximately 15 information requests are sent to parent companies that market multiple categories of products to children and adolescents, staff estimates a total of approximately 3,150 hours (15 companies $\times$ 210 average burden hours per company). Thus, the staff's estimate of the total burden is approximately 6,650 hours. These estimates include any time spent by separately incorporated subsidiaries and other entities affiliated with the ultimate parent company that has received the information request.

3. Estimated Cost Burden

It is difficult to calculate with precision the labor costs associated with this data production, as they entail varying compensation levels of management and/or support staff among companies of different sizes. Financial, legal, marketing, and clerical personnel may be involved in the information collection process. The FTC staff has assumed that professional personnel and outside legal counsel will handle most of the tasks involved in gathering and producing responsive information, and has applied an average hourly wage of \$250/hour for their labor. Thus, the staff estimates that the total labor costs for the information requests will be \$1,662,500 ((\$250 $\times$ 3,500 hours for companies that market a single category) + (\$250 $\times$ 3,150 hours for companies that market multiple categories)).

FTC staff estimates that the capital or other non-labor costs associated with the information requests are minimal. Although the information requests may necessitate that industry members maintain the requested information provided to the Commission, they should already have in place the means

to compile and maintain business records.

John D. Graubert,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Liaison and Scientific Review Office; Meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health.

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92–463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (NTP BSC). The NTP BSC is composed of scientists from the public and private sectors and provides primary scientific oversight to the Director for the NTP and evaluates the scientific merit of the NTP's intramural and collaborative programs.

DATES: The NTP BSC meeting will be held on December 1, 2006. In order to facilitate planning for this meeting, persons wishing to make an oral presentation are asked to notify the Executive Secretary for the NTP BSC by November 17, 2006 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). Written comments should also be received by November 17, 2006, to enable review by the NTP BSC and NIEHS/NTP staff prior to the meeting. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation in order to attend, should contact 919–541–2475 (voice), 919–541–4644 TTY (text telephone), through the Federal TTY Relay System at 800–877–8339, or by e-mail to niehsoeeo@niehs.nih.gov. Requests should be made at least 7 days in advance of the event.

ADDRESSES: The NTP BSC meeting will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 111 T. W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Public comments and any other correspondence should be submitted to Dr. Barbara Shane, Executive Secretary for the NTP Board (NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3–01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone:

919–541–4253, fax: 919–541–0295; or e-mail: shane@niehs.nih.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Preliminary Agenda Topics and Availability of Meeting Materials Preliminary agenda topics are as follows:

- NTP Retreat.
- Update of NTP Activities.
- Reports on Workshops related to the NTP Roadmap.
- NTP BSC's Technical Report Review Subcommittee Report.
- Concept Reviews for the NTP/NIEHS Host Susceptibility Program and the NTP/NIEHS MRI Imaging Contract.
- NTP/NIEHS Exposure Biology Program.
- Nominations to the Center for Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction.

A copy of the preliminary agenda, committee roster, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov> select Advisory Board and Committees) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Executive Secretary for the NTP BSC (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above). Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the NTP Web site.

Attendance and Registration

The meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment and is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to register online at the NTP Web site by November 22, 2006, to facilitate access to the NIEHS campus. Please note that a photo ID is required to access the NIEHS campus. The NTP is making plans to videocast the meeting through the Internet at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/external/video.htm>.

Request for Comments

Time is allotted during the meeting for the public to present comment to the NTP BSC and NTP staff on the agenda topics. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. Registration for oral comments will also be available on-site, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting. Persons registering to make oral comments are asked, if possible, to send a copy of their statement to the Executive Secretary for