sidewall, certifying that the tire conforms to applicable motor vehicle safety standards. Subject tires may also have the following prefixes or suffix in their tire size designation, which also appears on the sidewall of the tire:

Prefix designations:

P—Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on passenger cars

LT—Identifies a tire intended primarily for service on light trucks

Suffix letter designations:

LT—Identifies light truck tires for service on trucks, buses, trailers, and multipurpose passenger vehicles used in nominal highway service.

All tires with a "P" or "LT" prefix, and all tires with an "LT" suffix in their sidewall markings are covered by this investigation regardless of their intended use.

In addition, all tires that lack a "P" or "LT" prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, as well as all tires that include any other prefix or suffix in their sidewall markings, are included in the scope, regardless of their intended use, as long as the tire is of a size that is among the numerical size designations listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*, as updated annually, unless the tire falls within one of the specific exclusions set out below.

Passenger vehicle and light truck tires, whether or not attached to wheels or rims, are included in the scope. However, if a subject tire is imported attached to a wheel or rim, only the tire is covered by the scope.

Specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation are the following types of

- (1) Racing car tires; such tires do not bear the symbol "DOT" on the sidewall and may be marked with "ZR" in size designation;
- (2) new pneumatic tires, of rubber, of a size that is not listed in the passenger car section or light truck section of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*;
- (3) pneumatic tires, of rubber, that are not new, including recycled and retreaded tires;
- (4) non-pneumatic tires, such as solid rubber tires;
- (5) tires designed and marketed exclusively as temporary use spare tires for passenger vehicles which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:
- (a) the size designation and load index combination molded on the tire's sidewall are listed in Table PCT-1B ("T" Type Spare Tires for Temporary Use on Passenger Vehicles) of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*,
- (b) the designation "T" is molded into the tire's sidewall as part of the size designation, and.
- (c) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*, and the rated speed is 81 MPH or a "M" rating;
- (6) tires designed and marketed exclusively for specialty tire (ST) use which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:*
- (a) the size designation molded on the tire's sidewall is listed in the ST sections of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*,

(b) the designation "ST" is molded into the tire's sidewall as part of the size designation,

(c) the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is "For Trailer Service Only" or "For Trailer Use Only",

(d) the load index molded on the tire's sidewall meets or exceeds those load indexes listed in the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book* for the relevant ST tire size, and

- (e) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by TRA, and the rated speed does not exceed 81 MPH or an "M" rating;
- (7) tires designed and marketed exclusively for off-road use and which, in addition, exhibit each of the following physical characteristics:
- (a) the size designation and load index combination molded on the tire's sidewall are listed in the off-the-road, agricultural, industrial or ATV section of the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*.
- (b) in addition to any size designation markings, the tire incorporates a warning, prominently molded on the sidewall, that the tire is "Not For Highway Service" or "Not for Highway Use",
- (c) the tire's speed rating is molded on the sidewall, indicating the rated speed in MPH or a letter rating as listed by the *Tire and Rim Association Year Book*, and the rated speed does not exceed 55 MPH or a "G" rating, and
- (d) the tire features a recognizable off-road tread design

The products covered by the investigation are currently classified under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 4011.10.10.10, 4011.10.10.20, 4011.10.10.30, 4011.10.10.40, 4011.10.10.50, 4011.10.10.60, 4011.10.10.70, 4011.10.50.00, 4011.20.10.05, and 4011.20.50.10. Tires meeting the scope description may also enter under the following HTSUS subheadings: 4011.99.45.10, 4011.99.45.50, 4011.99.85.10, 4011.99.85.50, 8708.70.45.45, 8708.70.45.60, 8708.70.60.30, 8708.70.60.45, and 8708.70.60.60. While HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

* We are currently suspending requirements (6)(d) and (e); therefore, tires entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption that meet exclusion requirements (6)(a)–(c) above are excluded from the scope of this investigation.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0058. Form Number(s):

- PTO/SB/20(GLBL/AT/AU/BR/CA/CN/CO/CZ/DE/DK/EP/ES/FI/HU/IL/IS/JP/KR/MX/NI/NO/PH/PL/PT/RU/SG/TW/UK).
- PTO/SB/20(PCT-AT/PCT-AU/PCT-CA/PCT-CN/PCT-EP/PCT-ES/PCT-FI/PCT-IL/PCT-JP/PCT-KR/PCT-NPI/PCT-RU/PCT-SE/PCT-US).

Type of Request: Regular. Number of Respondents: 8,210. Average Hours per Response: 2. Burden Hours: 16,420 hours annually. Cost Burden: \$0.

Needs and Uses: The Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) is a framework in which an application whose claims have been determined to be patentable by an Office of Earlier Examination (OEE) is eligible to go through an accelerated examination in an Office of Later Examination with a simple procedure upon an applicant's request. By leveraging the search and examination work product of the OEE, PPH programs (1) deliver lower prosecution costs, (2) support applicants in their efforts to obtain stable patent rights efficiently around the world, and (3) reduce the search and examination burden, while improving the examination quality, of participating patent offices.

The forms in this collection allow participants to file in a U.S. application a request to make the U.S. application special under a PPH or PCT–PPH program.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- Email: InformationCollection@ uspto.gov. Include "0651–0058 Patent Prosecution Highway (PPH) Program" in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records Management Division Director, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–
- Federal Rulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov.

Dated: January 21, 2015.

Marcie Lovett,

Records Management Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB-2015-0001]

Request for Information Regarding an Initiative on Safe Student Banking

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for information.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Bureau or CFPB) seeks feedback on a draft Safe Student Account Scorecard that offers information to colleges and universities when soliciting agreements from financial institutions to market safe and affordable financial accounts for their students. The Bureau seeks comment from the public, including student and parent consumers, institutions of higher education, and financial institutions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 9, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CFPB-2015-0001, by any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Email: FederalRegisterComments@ cfpb.gov. Include the title and Docket No. CFPB-2015-0001 in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Monica Jackson, Office of the Executive Secretary, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.

• Hand Delivery/Courier: Monica Jackson, Office of the Executive Secretary, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

Instructions: All submissions should include the agency name and docket number for this proposal. Because paper mail in the Washington, DC area and at the Bureau is subject to delay, commenters are encouraged to submit comments electronically. In general, all comments received will be posted without change to http:// www.regulations.gov. In addition, comments will be available for public inspection and copying at 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002, on official business days between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Eastern Time. You can make an appointment to inspect the documents by telephoning (202) 435-7275.

All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or social security numbers, should not be included. Comments generally will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general inquiries, submission process questions or any additional information, please contact Monica Jackson, Office of the Executive Secretary, at 202–435–7275.

Authority: 12 U.S.C. 5511(c).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act) that established the Bureau, part of the Bureau's mission is to empower consumers to take control over their economic lives. The Bureau is specifically charged with promoting financial education, researching developments in markets for consumer financial services and products, and providing information, guidance, and technical assistance regarding the offering and provision of consumer financial products or services to traditionally underserved consumers and communities.

Section 1021 of the Dodd-Frank Act charges the Bureau with "collecting, researching, monitoring and publishing information" about consumer financial products and services. The Bureau seeks feedback on a potential Safe Student Account Scorecard that colleges and universities can voluntarily use when negotiating with providers to ensure that financial accounts marketed to their students are accounts that the college or university deems safe and affordable.

The Bureau is interested in receiving comments to develop a Safe Student Account Scorecard. The Bureau is therefore interested in responses to the questions outlined below. The deadline for submission of comments is March 9, 2015. The Bureau encourages comments from the public, including:

- Student and parent consumers;
- Student associations and consumer organizations;
- Institutions of higher education and affiliated parties;
- Providers of financial aid disbursement services:
 - Financial institutions; and
 - Other interested parties.

Please note that the Bureau is not soliciting individual student account information in response to this notice and request for information, nor is the Bureau seeking personally identifiable information (PII) regarding student accounts from the parties or any third party.

All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or social security numbers, should not be included. Comments generally will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

Background

Colleges and universities have long played a role in the offering of financial products to students. Institutions of higher education have partnered with banks and nonbanks to offer a variety of financial products and services, including loans under the now-discontinued Federal Family Educational Loan (FFEL) Program, private student loans, credit cards, student checking accounts, and closed-loop stored value card services tied to student ID cards.

In February 2013, the Bureau published a Notice and Request for Information on Financial Products Marketed to Students Enrolled in Institutions of Higher Education. In September 2013, the Bureau hosted the Banking on Campus forum, seeking comment on the market from institutions of higher education, nonbank financial companies, technology providers, depository institutions, students, and consumer advocates. ²

The Bureau found that financial product marketing partnerships have shifted from credit cards and preferred student lender agreements toward student debit and prepaid cards. There are now more agreements to market student checking, debit, and prepaid