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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

16 CFR Chapter I

Notice of Intent To Request Public Comments

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission. **ACTION:** Notice of intent to request public comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its ongoing, systematic review of all Federal Trade Commission rules and guides, the Commission announces a modified tenyear regulatory review schedule. No Commission determination on the need for, or the substance of, the rules and guides listed below should be inferred from the notice of intent to publish requests for comments.

DATES: Effective April 13, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Further details about particular rules or guides may be obtained from the contact person listed below for the rule or guide.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To ensure that its rules and industry guides stay relevant and are not unduly burdensome, the Commission reviews its rules and guides on a ten-year schedule. Each year the Commission publishes its review schedule, with adjustments in response to public input, changes in the marketplace, and resource demands.

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The Commission received three comments in response.3

Two commenters, the Association of **Home Appliance Manufacturers** ("AHAM") and Whirlpool Corporation ("Whirlpool"), urged the Commission to reconsider its earlier decision to accelerate review of the Appliance **Labeling Rule to 2012. AHAM** explained, and Whirlpool concurred, that the Commission should avoid frequent rule revisions unless existing requirements are outdated, overly burdensome, or deficient. However, the **Appliance Labeling Rule warrants a** comprehensive review at this time that will allow the Commission to consider burden reductions associated with existing reporting requirements, explore ways to reduce the number of labels missing in showrooms, improve access to label information on retail Web sites, and consider whether additional consumer products should have energy labels. Therefore, the Commission has proceeded with the scheduled review of the Appliance Labeling Rule, 16 CFR part 305.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States of America submitted a comment that noted the Commission's

commitment to regulatory review and Agency Contact: Jonathan L. Kessler, When the Commission reviews a rule (216) 263–3436, Federal Trade Commission, East Central Region, 1111

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49, 16 CFR : Reenah Kim, part 23. (202) 326-2272, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Enforcement, 600 Pennşylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20580.

, 76 FR p P 41150 (July 13, 2011). P 3 These Contre part 240 dable on the Commi**MiorhableBloom**, (202) 326- / / 2475, Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Competition, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20580.

The Commission is currently

Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act Transmittal Rules.⁴

A copy of the Commission's modified regulatory review schedule for 2012 through 2021 is appended. The Commission, in its discretion, may

modify or reorder the schedule in the future to incorporate new rules, or to respond to external factors (such as changes in the law) or other considerations.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 41–58. By direction of the Commission. **Donald S. Clark**,

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Appendix

REGULATORY REVIEW MODIFIED TEN-YEAR SCHEDULE

16 CFR part	Topic	Year to review
259	Guides for Private Vocational and Distance Education Schools Guide Concerning Fuel Economy Advertising for New Automobiles Guides for the Use of Environmental Marketing Claims Rules and Regulations Under the Wool Products Labeling Act of 1939 Rules and Regulations Under Fur Products Labeling Act	Currently Under Review.

⁴ The Hart-Scott-Rodino ("HSR") program includes an ongoing review of all the HSR rules. In 2011, the Commission made significant changes to 16 CFR part 803 by overhauling the premerger notification form. The Commission also amended the definition of "associates" in 16 CFR part 801,

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