

Justification of Non-Substantive Changes to Collection 3060-0999

The Commission is submitting this non-substantive change request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to amend the Commission's hearing aid compatibility (HAC) rules to apply labelling requirements for wireless handsets meeting the new volume control requirements. New rule section 20.19(f)(1)(ii), adopted in FCC 17-135, requires manufacturers and service providers for wireless handsets to indicate the amplification capabilities of the handsets on the packaging materials and in the user manuals or package inserts. This rule modification is necessary to ensure that consumers with hearing loss are able to ascertain the volume control capabilities of wireless handsets before purchasing them. These same manufacturers and service providers already must comply with (the newly renamed) section 20.19(f)(1)(i), which is already covered by information collection 3060-0999 and requires the manufacturers and service providers to provide information about other technical capabilities of the wireless handsets relating to HAC (i.e., RF interference reduction and magnetic coupling) on the packaging materials, and in the user manuals or package inserts. Thus, new rule section 20.19(f)(1)(ii) does not require any additional packaging materials to be provided; it merely requires a small addition to what the materials must state. Because the Commission does not anticipate any increase in the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, or costs beyond the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and costs already covered by information collection 3060-0999, the Commission believes that this is a non-substantive change.

PREVIOUS VERSION:

The Commission is submitting this non-substantive change request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to amend the Commission's hearing aid compatibility (HAC) rules to apply labelling requirements for wireless handsets meeting the new volume control requirements. These requirements are an extension of the existing labelling requirements applicable to the inductive coupling and RF interference reduction requirements for wireless handsets. This modification is necessary to ensure that consumers with hearing loss are able to ascertain the volume control capabilities of wireless handsets before purchasing them. The Commission does not anticipate any increase in the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, or costs beyond the number of respondents, responses, burden hours, and costs already covered by collection 3060-0999.