



Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Request for Approval of Non-Substantive Change to the
 Generic Clearance for Focus Groups (OMB Control No.
 3041- 0136) to increase the approved number of
 responses

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is requesting an increase in the approved number of responses for the Focus Group Generic Information Collection Request (ICR) clearance, as a non-substantive change request. The approved Focus Group Generic ICR is set to expire on January, 31, 2024. As of June 6, 2022, 532 or the approved response burden for this collection were used. (See table below.)

	Burden Used (as of 6/6/2022)	Burden approved (expires 1/31/2024)
Responses	532 used responses	650 approved responses
Time burden (hours)	404 used hours	1,950 approved hours

In order to accommodate planned CPSC focus groups and to not inhibit the CPSC’s ability to learn more about consumer interactions with and perceptions of consumer product hazards, the Agency requests an increase in the focus group budget of total responses. We request an increase of 1,850 responses for a total of 2,500 responses.

CPSC is not requesting an increase in the budget of approved burden hours, because the remaining 1,546¹ hours approved for the collection would be sufficient.² The reason the approved response burden is essentially used up, while the approved hourly burden remains sufficient is that CPSC is now better accounting for the burden to screened respondents not selected for participation in the focus group.

CPSC expects that the new number of total responses would provide a sufficient budget of approved responses to solicit and obtain direct feedback from consumers on issues related to consumer product safety until the Generic Clearance expires on January 31, 2024.

¹ 1,950 approved hours – 404 used hours = 1,546 remaining hours.

² At a rate of 1.32 responses per hour (532 responses/404 hours), the remaining 1,546 hours exceed the expected hourly burden for the number of additional responses in the case this request is approved; in other words, 1,968 (2,500 – 532) additional responses would create a burden of 1,491 hours (1,968 responses / 1.32 responses per hour), out of the 1,546 unused hours currently remaining in the time burden estimate.