

wishing to participate more directly with RUS as a “consulting party” in Section 106 review may submit a written request to the RUS contact provided in this Notice.

RUS will use input provided by government agencies, private organizations, and the public in the preparation of the EA. The EA will be available for review and comment for 30 days. If RUS finds, based on the EA, that the proposal will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, RUS will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Notification of the EA and FONSI will be published in the **Federal Register** and in newspapers with circulation in the proposal’s area. If substantive comments are received on the EA, RUS may provide an additional period (15 days) for public review following the publication of its FONSI. When appropriate to carry out the purposes of NEPA, RUS may impose, on a case-by-case basis, additional requirements associated with the preparation of an EA. If at any point in the preparation of an EA and review of comments, RUS determines that the proposal will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will be required.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposal will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant executive orders and federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations in addition to the completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in RUS’s Environmental Policies and Procedures, 7 CFR part 1794, as amended.

Dated: September 6, 2012.

Jon Melhus,

Acting Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff, USDA, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force Strategic Plan 2013–2017

Correction

In notice document 2012–19161, appearing on pages 46730–46732 in the issue of Monday, August 6, 2012, make the following correction:

On page 46730, in the third column, under the heading **DATES**, the entry “Comments must be received within 45 days after September 20, 2012.” should read “Comments must be received within 45 days after August 6, 2012.”

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–T–2012–0029]

Extension of Comment Period for Notice of Inquiry Regarding Adjustment of Fees for Trademark Applications

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) is extending until October 22, 2012, the period for public comment regarding possible adjustments to trademark application filing fees. The USPTO is considering such adjustments so as to promote efficiency for the USPTO and customers by incentivizing complete electronic communication.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The USPTO prefers that comments be submitted via electronic mail message to TMFRNotices@uspto.gov. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to Commissioner for Trademarks, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313–1451, attention Cynthia C. Lynch; by hand delivery to the Trademark Assistance Center, Concourse Level, James Madison Building-East Wing, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, attention Cynthia C. Lynch; or by electronic mail message via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. See the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site (<http://www.regulations.gov>) for additional instructions on providing comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. All comments submitted directly to the Office or provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal should include the docket number (PTO–T–2012–0029). The comments will be available for public inspection on the USPTO’s Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov>, and will also be available at the Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Because comments will be made available for public

inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia C. Lynch, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, at (571) 272–8742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 16, 2012, the USPTO published a notice of inquiry to provide the public, including user groups, with an opportunity to comment on possible adjustments to trademark application fees (77 FR 49426 (August 16, 2012)). The notice invited the public to submit written comments on the possible adjustments on or before October 15, 2012. The USPTO is now extending the period for submission of public comments until October 22, 2012.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

David J. Kappos,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–T–2012–0031]

Extension of Comment Period for Request for Comments Regarding Amending the First Filing Deadline for Affidavits or Declarations of Use or Excusable Nonuse

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) is extending until November 5, 2012, the period for public comment regarding a potential legislative change to amend the first filing deadline for Affidavits or Declarations of Use or Excusable Nonuse under Sections 8 and 71 of the Trademark Act. The change would require Congress to amend the Trademark Act, and the USPTO is interested in receiving public input on whether and why such an amendment is or is not favored.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 5, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The USPTO prefers that comments be submitted via electronic mail message to TMFRNotices@uspto.gov. Written comments may also be submitted by

mail to Commissioner for Trademarks, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313–1451, attention Cynthia C. Lynch; by hand delivery to the Trademark Assistance Center, Concourse Level, James Madison Building—East Wing, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, attention Cynthia C. Lynch; or by electronic mail message via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. See the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site (<http://www.regulations.gov>) for additional instructions on providing comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. All comments submitted directly to the Office or provided on the Federal eRulemaking Portal should include the docket number (PTO–T–2012–0031). The comments will be available for public inspection on the USPTO's Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov>, and will also be available at the Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, Madison East, Tenth Floor, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia. Because comments will be made available for public inspection, information that is not desired to be made public, such as an address or phone number, should not be included.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia C. Lynch, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, at (571) 272–8742.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 16, 2012, the USPTO published a request for comment to provide the public, including user groups, with an opportunity to comment on a potential legislative change to amend the first filing deadline for Affidavits or Declarations of Use or Excusable Nonuse under Sections 8 and 71 of the Trademark Act from between the fifth and sixth years after the registration date, or the six-month grace period that follows, to between the third and fourth years after the registration date, or the six-month grace period that follows (77 FR 49425 (August 16, 2012)).

The notice invited the public to submit written comments on the potential change on or before October 15, 2012. The USPTO is now extending the period for submission of public comments until November 5, 2012.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

David J. Kappos,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 12–C0009]

Haier America Trading, LLC, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Haier America Trading, LLC, containing a civil penalty of \$850,000.00, within twenty (20) days of service of the Commission's final Order accepting the Settlement Agreement.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by October 4, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 12–C0009, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 820, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Belinda V. Bell, Trial Attorney, Division of Compliance, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814–4408; telephone (301) 504–7592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary.

Settlement Agreement

1. In accordance with the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051–2089 (“CPSA”) and 16 C.F.R. 1118.20, Haier America Trading, LLC (“Haier America”) and staff of the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (“staff” and “Commission”) hereby enter into this Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”). The Agreement and the incorporated attached Order resolve staff's allegations set forth below.

The Parties

2. Staff is the staff of the Commission, an independent federal regulatory agency established pursuant to, and responsible for, the enforcement of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2051–2089.

3. Haier America is a limited liability company, organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, with its principal corporate office located at 1356 Broadway, New York, NY.

Staff Allegations

4. Between October 2006 and October 2009, Haier America distributed in commerce, including through importation and sale to retailers, approximately 53,800 electric blenders (“Blenders”). The Blenders were sold at retail stores in the United States for between \$25 and \$60.

5. The Blenders are “consumer products” and, at all relevant times, Haier America was an “importer” of these consumer products, which were “distributed in commerce,” as those terms are defined or used in sections 3(a)(5), (8), and (11) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5), (8), and (11).

6. The Blenders are defective because the nut holding the blade assembly can dislodge during use, allowing the blade assembly pieces to break apart, and/or crack the Blenders' glass jar, posing a laceration hazard to consumers.

7. From January 2007 through September 2009, Haier America received approximately 56 incident reports regarding the Blenders, including a report of an injury to a consumer's hand.

8. Haier America had obtained sufficient information to reasonably support the conclusion that the Blenders contained a defect which could create a substantial product hazard, or that the Blenders created an unreasonable risk of serious injury or death. Haier America was required to inform the Commission immediately of such defect or risk, as required by sections 15(b)(3) and (4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2064(b)(3) and (4).

9. Despite having information regarding the Blenders' defect, Haier America did not file its Full Report with the Commission until October 8, 2009. Haier America recalled the Blenders on December 2, 2009.

10. In failing to inform the Commission about the Blenders immediately, Haier America knowingly violated section 19(a)(4) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2068(a)(4), as the term “knowingly” is defined in section 20(d) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069(d).

11. Pursuant to section 20 of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2069, Haier America is