

agency action, and public participation and input. However, important information as to the consequences of a

SUMMARY: In December 2010, Congress passed the Truth in Fur Labeling Act (TFLA), which amends the Fur Products Labeling Act (Fur Act) by: (1) Eliminating the Commission's discretion to exempt fur products of relatively small quantity or value from disclosure requirements; and (2) providing that the Fur Act will not apply to certain fur products obtained through trapping or hunting and sold in face to face transactions. TFLA also directs the Commission to review and allow comment on the Fur Products Name Guide (Name Guide). Accordingly, the Commission publishes this Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) and request for comment. In addition to seeking comment on the Name Guide, the Commission, as part of its systematic review of all current FTC rules and guideslo1)

(1) Is there a continuing need for the Rules as currently promulgated? Why or why not?

(2) What benefits have the Rules provided to consumers? What evidence supports the asserted benefits?

(3) What modifications, if any, should the Commission make to the Rules to increase their benefits to consumers?

(a) What evidence supports your proposed modifications?

(b) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for consumers?

(c) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for businesses, particularly small businesses?

(4) What impact have the Rules had on the flow of truthful information to consumers and on the flow of deceptive information to consumers?

(5) What significant costs have the Rules imposed on consumers? What evidence supports the asserted costs?

(6) What modifications, if any, should be made to the Rules to reduce the costs imposed on consumers?

(a) What evidence supports your proposed modifications?

(b) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for consumers?

(c) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for businesses, particularly small businesses?

(7) What benefits, if any, have the Rules provided to businesses, and in particular to small businesses? What evidence supports the asserted benefits?

(8) What modifications, if any, should be made to the Rules to increase its benefits to businesses, and particularly to small businesses?

(a) What evidence supports your proposed modifications?

(b) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for consumers?

(c) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for businesses, particularly small businesses?

(9) What significant costs, including costs of compliance, have the Rules imposed on businesses, particularly small businesses? What evidence supports the asserted costs?

(10) What modifications, if any, should be made to the Rules to reduce the costs imposed on businesses, and particularly on small businesses?

(a) What evidence supports your proposed modifications?

(b) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for consumers?

(c) How would these modifications affect the costs and benefits of the Rules for businesses, particularly small businesses?

(11) Provide any evidence concerning consumer perception of the fur names required by the Name Guide. Does this evidence indicate that the Rules should be modified? If so, why, and how? If not, why not?

(12) Provide any evidence concerning the impact of the Rules on the flow of truthful information to consumers and on the flow of deceptive information to consumers. Does this evidence indicate that the Rules should be modified? If so, why, and how? If not, why not?

¹ The comment must be accompanied by an explicit request for confidential treatment, including the factual and legal basis for the request, and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. The request will be granted or denied by the Commission's General Counsel, consistent with applicable law and the public interest. See FTC Rule 4.9(c), 16 CFR 4.9(c).

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The FTC Act and other laws that the Commission administers permit the collection of public comments to consider and use in this proceeding as appropriate. The Commission will consider all timely and responsive public comments that it receives, whether filed in paper or electronic form. Comments received will be available to the public on the FTC Web site, to the extent practicable, at <http://www.ftc.gov/os/publiccomments.shtm>. As a matter of discretion, the FTC makes every effort to remove home contact information for individuals from the public comments it receives before placing those comments on the FTC Web site. More information, including routine uses permitted by the Privacy Act, may be found in the FTC's privacy policy, at <http://www.ftc.gov/ftc/privacy.htm>.