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OSHA Docket Office
Docket Number OSHA-2010-0032
U.S. Department of Labor
Room N-2625
200 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20210

Re: Docket No. OSHA-2010-0032, Request for Extension of Comment Period

On October 19, 2010, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) published in the Federal Register a proposed interpretation of the term “feasible” as it relates to administrative or engineering controls as used in OSHA’s General Industry and Construction Occupational Noise Exposure standards (29 CFR Parts 1910 and 1926).¹

OSHA has provided 60 days for public comments on its proposed interpretation, or until December 20, 2010. However, due to the major impact this new interpretation is expected to have, FMI will need additional time to fully assess the impact of the agency’s proposal on the supermarket industry. FMI asks that OSHA extend the comment deadline to March 20, 2011, to allow an additional 90 days to comment.

We encourage OSHA to grant an extension of 90 days on the comment period. This additional time will allow for the supermarket industry to fully consider the impact of the proposed interpretation and provide feedback to better inform OSHA as it considers whether or not to move forward with the proposed changes.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at elieberman@fmi.org or (202) 220-0614.

Sincerely,

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¹ 75 Fed. Reg. 64216.