

0651-AB64) that would allow the use of electronic signatures on documents, require photographs of any exhibit so that the exhibit can be included in the file, and also allow the USPTO to adjust the fees for many petitions in order to more accurately reflect the actual cost to the USPTO of processing these petitions, among other things.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, the Federal Government, and State, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, (703) 308-7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 9, 2003, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Term Extension.

Form Number(s): No forms associated.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0020.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 30,905 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 26,859 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The time needed to respond is estimated to range from 1 to 25 hours, depending upon the complexity of the situation. It is estimated that the time needed to complete the applications, petitions, declarations, and requests associated with the patent term and interim extensions ranges from 1 to 25 hours. This time range also includes the Petition to Accord a Filing Date to an Application under 1.740 for Extension of a Patent Term, which the USPTO estimates will take 2 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed requests.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO is submitting this information collection in support of the notice of proposed rulemaking, "Changes to Support Implementation of the United States Patent and Trademark Office 21st Century Strategic Plan" (RIN 0651-AB64), which the USPTO will forward to the **Federal Register** for publication. This proposed rule increases the filing fee from \$130 to \$400 for the Petition to Accord a Filing Date to an Application under 1.740 for Extension of a Patent Term and adds this petition into the collection. This petition is used by the public to request review of a notice of an incomplete application for extension of a patent term and to request a filing date. The USPTO uses this information to determine the filing date for the application for extension of a patent term.

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), together with the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, administers the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, 35 U.S.C. 156. This Act permits the USPTO to restore the patent term lost due to certain types of regulatory review by the Federal Food and Drug Administration or the Department of Agriculture. Only patents for drug products, medical devices, food additives, and color additives are eligible for extension. The maximum length that a patent may be extended (the maximum of patent term that may be restored) is five years.

Under 35 U.S.C. 156, the USPTO extends the term of various patents past their original expiration dates, grants interim extensions, reviews applications for patent term extension and final eligibility decisions, obtains additional information from the public that might influence the extension of the patent term, and withdraws applications for patent term extensions. The USPTO

administers 35 U.S.C. 156 through 37 CFR 1.705-1.791, which permits the public to submit applications to the USPTO to extend the patent term past its original expiration date; to petition for reviews of informal extensions of applications, final eligibility decisions, and interim extensions; and to withdraw an application requesting a patent term extension after it is submitted.

Use of the USPTO's information allows the Director of the USPTO, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the Secretary of Agriculture to access the information required to determine whether the applicant is eligible for a patent term extension or reconsideration of patent term adjustment determination and, if so, the period of the extension or adjustment.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; individuals or households; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and State, local, or tribal government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 9, 2003, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has

submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/45/47/65/66.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0016.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 30,735 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 348,140 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 8 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the form or petition, and submit the completed request. The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 20 seconds (0.006 hours) to submit the Electronic Maintenance Fee Form.

Needs and Uses: In order to keep utility patents in force, patentees must pay maintenance fees at 3½, 7½, and 11½ years after the date of grant. The public uses this collection to submit a patent maintenance fee payment, to file a petition to accept an unavoidably or unintentionally delayed maintenance fee payment, to file a petition to request acceptance of a maintenance fee payment that was submitted prior to patent expiration but refused by the USPTO, and to designate or change an address to be used for fee-related correspondence with the USPTO. The USPTO uses the information collected from the public to process and record maintenance fee payments, to consider petitions regarding delayed maintenance fee payments or payments that were refused by the USPTO, and to send fee-related correspondence to the correct address. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking, "Changes to Support Implementation of the USPTO 21st Century Strategic Plan" (RIN 0651-AB64), which would support the use of electronic signatures on documents and increase the filing fees for two petitions under this collection. The Petition for Reconsideration of Decision on Petition Refusing to Accept Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fee in an Expired Patent (37 CFR 1.378(e)) is being added to this collection, but no forms are provided for this petition.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-

profits, not-for-profit institutions, and the Federal Government.

Frequency: On occasion and 3 times at 4-year intervals following the grant of the patent.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, 703-308-7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310; or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 9, 2003, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Federative Republic of Brazil

September 3, 2003.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-

openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for carryover and swing.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also see 67 FR 57406, published on September 10, 2002.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 3, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on September 3, 2002, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on September 9, 2003, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit ¹
Sublevels within the aggregate	
338/339/638/639	3,102,315 dozen.
361	2,123,597 numbers.
363	46,938,492 numbers.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2002.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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