

DATES: January 19, 2006.

Time: 8 a.m. Central Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted no later than November 25, 2005, to J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-4501, or e-mail Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Marc Chittum, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, or e-mail Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: December 22, 2005.

J. Marc Chittum,

Designated Federal Officer, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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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 Processing (Updating).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/08, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/21-27, PTO/SB/24B, PTO/SB/30-32, PTO/SB/35-39, PTO/SB/42-43, PTO/SB/61-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,807,641 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,317,539 responses.

Avg. Hours per Response: 1 minute 48 seconds to 12 hours. The USPTO estimates that it will take 12 hours to complete the examination support

document covering the independent claims and the designated dependent claims; 2 hours to complete the petition (filed in a continuation or continuation-in-part application) containing a showing as to why the amendment, argument, or evidence could not have been submitted prior to the close of prosecution in the prior-filed application; 2 hours to complete the petition (filed with a request for continued examination) with a showing as to why the amendment, argument, or evidence could not have been submitted prior to the close of prosecution in the application; and 1 hour to complete the explanation (filed in a nonprovisional application) of either how the claims are patentably distinct or why there are patentably indistinct claims filed in multiple applications. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: The proposed examination support document covering the independent claims and designated dependent claims will assist the applicant in preparing a schedule of claims that are patentable (i.e., novel and non-obvious) over the prior art, and will assist the USPTO in the examination process in determining whether the claims are patentable over the prior art. The proposed petition for a continuation or continuation-in-part application showing why the amendment, argument, or evidence could not have been submitted prior to the close of prosecution in the application will assist the USPTO in determining whether the continuation or continuation-in-part application or request for continued examination is a bona fide attempt to advance the application to final agency action or is simply being filed to delay examination. The proposed explanation in nonprovisional applications, when multiple applications having a common inventor and a common assignee have been filed on the same day, of either how the claims are patentably distinct or why there are patentably indistinct claims filed in multiple applications, will assist the USPTO in determining whether double patenting exists and whether the USPTO should merge the applications. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Changes to Practice for the Examination of Claims in Patent Applications" (RIN 0651-AB94); and a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Changes to Practice for Continuing Applications, Requests for Continued Examination Practice, and Applications Containing

Patentably Indistinct Claims" (RIN 0651-AB93). There are no forms associated with this final rulemaking.

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 any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0031 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before January 30, 2006, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 22, 2005.

Susan K. Brown,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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

Title: Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions (formerly Payment of Patent and Trademark Office Fees by Credit Card).

Form Number(s): PTO-2038, PTO-2231, PTO-2232, PTO-2233, PTO-2234, PTO-2236.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0043.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 58,116 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,928,705 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two to four minutes (0.03 to 0.07 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare, and submit the items in this collection.

Needs and Uses: Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113, as implemented in 37 CFR 1.16–1.28, 2.6–2.7, and 2.206–2.209, the USPTO charges fees for processing and other services related to patents, trademarks, and information products. Customers may pay fees by credit card, USPTO deposit account, or electronic funds transfer (EFT). The public uses this collection to pay patent and trademark fees by credit card, to establish and manage USPTO deposit accounts, to set up a user profile for EFT transactions, and to request refunds. In addition to the existing Credit Card Payment Form (PTO–2038) and Electronic Credit Card Payment Form (PTO–2231), the USPTO is adding the Deposit Account Application Form (PTO–2232), Deposit Account Replenishments, the Electronic Deposit Account Replenishment Form (PTO–2233), the Deposit Account Closure Request Form (PTO–2234), the EFT User Profile Form (PTO–2236), and Refund Requests to this collection. The USPTO does not currently provide official forms for paper Deposit Account Replenishments or Refund Requests.

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Dated: December 21, 2005.

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 DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification (Transmittal No. 06–12)

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/DBO/ADM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 06–12 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: December 21, 2005.

L.M. Bynum,

*OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer,
Department of Defense.*

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