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Dated: January 22, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States 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: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Actions (formerly Petition to Cancel).

Form Number(s): N/A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0040.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 17,179 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 61,572 responses per year. The USPTO estimates that of this total, 9,863 notices of opposition, 50,000 requests for extension of time to file an opposition, and 1,709 petitions to cancel a trademark registration will be submitted per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public 45 minutes to complete a notice of opposition, 10 minutes to complete a request for an extension of time to file an opposition, and 45 minutes to complete a petition to cancel a trademark registration. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed requests.

Needs and Uses: Any individual or entity, believing that they are or will be damaged by the registration of a trademark or service mark, may file an opposition to the registration of a mark or a request for an extension of time to file an opposition under Section 13 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1063. Section 14 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1064, allows individuals and entities to file a petition to cancel the registration of a mark. The USPTO administers the Trademark Act

according to 37 CFR Part 2. These actions are governed by the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), an administrative tribunal empowered to determine the right to register and subsequently determine the validity of a trademark. If a mark is successfully opposed or canceled, registration will not take place. There are no forms associated with this collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; 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.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, (703) 308-7400, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 5, 2001, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: January 24, 2001.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

RIN 0651-AB29

Extension of Comment Period: Standard for Declaring a Patent Interference

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice, extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The period for commenting on the **Federal Register** notice dated December 20, 2000 (65 FR 79809) regarding the standard for declaring a patent interference is extended.

DATES: Submit comments on or before February 28, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments:

1. Electronically to "Interference.Rules@uspto.gov", Subject: "Interference-in-fact";

2. By mail to Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, BOX INTERFERENCE, Washington, D.C. 20231, ATTN: "Interference-in-Fact"; or

3. By facsimile to 703-305-0942, ATTN: "Interference-in-fact".

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred E. McKelvey or Richard Torczon at 703-308-9797.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a **Federal Register** notice published December 20, 2000, the public was invited to comment on the standard used to declare patent interferences. In response to requests from the public to extend the period for public comment, the comment period is extended one month to ensure ample opportunity for public comment.

Comment Format

Comments should be submitted in electronic form if possible, either via the Internet or on a 3¼-inch diskette. Comments submitted in electronic form should be submitted as ASCII text. Special characters, proprietary formats, and encryption should not be used.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(A), 3(a)(2), 135(a).

Dated: January 26, 2001.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Appendix I, DoD Pilot Mentor Protégé OMB Number 0704-0332.

Type of Request: Revision.

Number of Respondents: 269.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.

Annual Responses: 393.

Average Burden Per Response: 1 hour reporting; 3.7 hours recordkeeping.