

Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289).

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Patent and Trademark Office

Trademark Processing

ACTION: Notice of proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), by the

Patent and Trademark Office (Office) in the performance of its statutory functions of examining, registering and maintaining trademarks, as required by the Trademark Act of 1946, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1051, et seq.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Lynne G. Beresford, Trademark Legal Administrator, at the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Va. 22202-3513 or by facsimile transmission to (703) 308-7220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Patent and Trademark Office (Office) administers the Trademark Act of 1946, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1051 et

seq., which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks and service marks. Any individual or business owning a valid trademark or service mark that is both used in a type of commerce which can be controlled by Congress, and used in connection with goods or services, may apply to register its mark. A registration is valid for ten years and renewable for like periods. Federal registration is not necessary in order to use a mark, nor is registration required to obtain rights in a mark. Registration does provide certain procedural benefits, such as access to Federal court. Information collected by the Office is required by the statute or the rules and is used by the Office to determine the eligibility of trademarks or service marks for registration, to issue registrations, and to maintain the Register.

II. Method of Collection

Mail or facsimile transmission.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0009.

Title of form	Form No(s).	Estimated time for response	Est. annual burden hours	Est. annual responses
Application for Trademark	1478, 4.8 & 4.9	1 hour	165,559	165,559
Amendment to Allege Use	1579	15 minutes	1,222	4,882
Statement of Use (SOU)	1580	15 minutes	4,626	18,505
Extension of Time to File SOU	1581	15 minutes	8,438	33,750
Opposition	4.17 & 4.17(a)	1 hour	5,248	5,248
Totals	185,090	227,944

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: The forms are used by trademark owners and trademark practitioners. However, use of the forms is not mandatory and many law firms and corporations develop their own forms. Information collected is a matter of public record, and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. This information is important to the public, since both common law trademark owners and Federal trademark registrants must actively protect their own rights.

Estimated Total Annual Cost:

Estimated costs to the private sector are \$11,105,400.

Private sector costs were calculated using a composite rate of paralegal and attorney time. The paralegal hourly rate was calculated to be \$11 per hour. The professional rate was calculated to be \$108 per hour. In house costs were estimated to be \$142,853.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 14, 1996.

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*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance
Officer, Office of Management and
Organization.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 21-22 February 1996.

Time of Meeting: 0800-1700, 21 February 1996; 0800-1200, 22 February 1996.

Place: Pentagon—Washington, DC.