

Dated: February 27, 1996.  
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 Deputy Administrator for Operations.  
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## Patent and Trademark Office

### Address-Affecting Provisions

**ACTION:** 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 take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, (703)305-9285.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under existing law, a patent applicant or assignee may appoint, revoke or change a representative to act in a representative capacity. Also, an appointed representative may withdraw from acting in a representative capacity. This collection includes the information needed to ensure that PTO correspondence reaches the appropriate individual.

##### II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile or hand-carry when the applicant or agent is to notify the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) of changes, revocations or additions in powers of attorney or agents and changes in addresses, or when an appointed representative withdraws.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0035.  
*Form Number:* PTO/SB/82/83.  
*Type of Review:* Revision.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other non-profit

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

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 45,350.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 9070 hours/year.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$87,979/year.

#### 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, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the 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 27, 1996.  
 Linda Engelmeier,  
 Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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#### Disclosure Document Program

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Disclosure Document Program allows inventors to submit papers that provide evidence of the date of conception of an invention. The disclosure document papers will be retained by the PTO for two years, during which time the inventors should file a patent application if patent protection is desired.

##### II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile and hand-carry when the inventor desires to participate in the information collection.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-0030.

*Form Number:* PTO/SB/95.

*Type of Review:* Revision.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other non-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 27,000.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .2 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,400 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$12,757.5/year.

#### 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, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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