

United States Patent Classification System?

B. Are the public users of the classified technical information systems of the Patent and Trademark Office willing to contribute, or contribute more, toward ever increasing costs of maintaining these systems?

C. Since the usefulness of automated search tools is affected by the characteristics of the technology being searched, should the Patent and Trademark Office tailor the search system by technology rather than maintaining the USPCS for all technologies?

D. Since it is known that different search tools and techniques lead to different search results (e.g., different results from text or structure search vs. classified image search), are automated assisted searches acceptable if there is an overall improvement in the quality of the patentability search?

E. Advances contemplated in future search systems permit the examiner to add value to the data base while conducting a search by adding or changing classifications for a document, inserting markers and notes on a document, adding documents, etc. This value-added capability leads to search files that exist only in electronic form and which are constantly being upgraded.

1. Does the public need access to the examiner's search file?

2. For post-prosecution/litigation purposes, does the public need to know what is in the examiner's search file at the time the examiner made the search?

F. How should the Patent and Trademark Office approach the issue of classification and retrieval of prior art in view of the current state of the art in the electronic document search and retrieval area, and expected developments in this area, including fully paperless patent and non-patent data bases?

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING
COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meeting**

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 3, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance
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AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

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AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
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TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 14, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Fl. Conference Room.

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Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, May 30, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Fl. Conference Room.

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:
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Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

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PLACE: 1155 21st St. NE., Washington, DC. 9th Floor Conference Room.

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MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance
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AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m., Friday, May 24, 1996.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 9th Floor Conference Room.

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AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
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