

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

DOC has submitted to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Initial Patent Application.

Form Numbers: Agency—PTO/SB/01/02/03/04/05/17/18/19/20.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0032.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,387,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 221,000.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 10.8 hours.

Needs and Uses: The purpose of this information collection is to permit the Patent and Trademark Office to determine whether an application meets the criteria set forth in the patent statutes and regulations. The application paper quality, size, and format requirements will facilitate the automatic processing and digital image and/or optical character recognition scanning of application materials. The standard Fee Transmittal form (PTO/SB/17), New Utility Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/05), New Design Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/18), New Plant Patent Application Transmittal form (PTO/SB/19), Plant Color Coding Sheet (PTO/SB/20), Declaration (PTO/SB/01), and Plant Patent Application Declaration (PTO/SB/03) will assist applicants in complying with the requirements of the patent statutes and regulations, and will further assist the PTO in processing and examination of the application.

Affected Public: Any individual filing a patent application.

Frequency: When filing a patent application.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein (202) 395-3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing DOC clearing officer, Linda Engelmeier, Department of Commerce, Room 5327.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to Maya A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: May 22, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Department Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Bureau of the Census**Survey of Plant Capacity**

ACTION: Proposed Agency Information Collection Activity; 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 July 29, 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: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Elinor Champion, Bureau of the Census, Room 2135 FB-4, Washington, DC 20233, Telephone (301) 457-4683.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

The Census Bureau plans to conduct a survey of plant capacity. The Census Bureau has conducted this survey annually from 1973 through 1988. Then in 1990, 1992, and 1994 we collected 2 years worth of data concurrently. This request is regarding the 1996 survey which will collect data for 1995 and 1996. Data are gathered from a sample of manufacturing plants in the United States. The survey forms will collect data on the value of plant production during actual operations and at full production capability. The survey will also collect estimates of production under a national emergency situation. Data are used in measuring inflationary pressures, capital flows, in understanding productivity determinants, and analyzing and forecasting economic and industrial trends. The survey results will be used

by such agencies as the Federal Reserve Board, Federal Emergency Management Agency, International Trade Administration, and the Department of Defense.

II. Method of Collection

The Census Bureau will use mail out/mail back survey forms to collect the data. Companies will be asked to respond to the survey within 30 days of the initial mailing. Letters encouraging participation will be mailed to companies that have not responded by the designated time.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0175.

Form Number: MQ-C1.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 17,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 34,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$589,900.

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 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 and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 22, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

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

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