

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Washington, DC 20231, telephone number (703)305-9285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Uruguay Round Agreements Act, Public Law 103-465, mandates a 20-year patent term and provisional applications. The information in this collection is needed by the PTO to accurately identify and promptly and properly process provisional applications, as required by the Act.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile or hand carry when the applicant or agent files a patent application with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) or submits subsequent papers during the prosecution of the application to the PTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0037.

Type of Review: Renewal without change.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,600.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 52,800 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$1,584,000/year—no capital costs will need to be expended by respondents.

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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 23, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Statutory Invention Registration

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DoC), 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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

A patent applicant may request to have the application published as a statutory invention registration. This collection includes information needed by the PTO to review and approve/deny such requests.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile or hand carry when the applicant or agent files a patent application with the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) or submits subsequent papers during the prosecution of the application to the PTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0036.

Type of Review: Renewal without change.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 113.

Estimated Time Per Response: 0.4 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 45 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$7,910 per year—no capital costs must be incurred by respondents to provide the information.

IV. Request for Comments

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Secrecy/License to Export

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.