

survey to request only fourth quarter data for one year, instead of fourth quarter data for two years.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*Legal Authority:* Title 13 USC,

Sections 182, 224, and 225.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nancy Kirkendall, (202) 395-7313.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Nancy Kirkendall, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: September 18, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA).

**ACTION:** To Give Firms an Opportunity to Comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

**LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 08/16/98-09/15/98**

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Gerlin, Inc .....	170 Tubeway Drive, Carol Stream, IL 60188.	08/20/98	Butt Weld Fittings and Flanges of Stainless Steel.
Eric Scott Leather, Ltd .....	980 Rozier Street, Sainte Genevieve, MO 63670.	08/28/98	Leather Day Planners, Check Book Covers, Wallets, Executive Pads, Luggage Tags and Passport Cases.
Rainbow Piece Dye Works, Inc .....	20-21 Wagaraw Road, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.	08/28/98	Dyeing and Finishing.
Randolph Engineering, Inc .....	26 Thomas Patton Drive, Randolph, MA 02368.	09/04/98	Wire Rimmed Sunglasses and Ophthalmic Frames.
S.B. Electronics, Inc .....	131 South Main Street, Barre, VT 05641	09/04/98	Film/Foil Dielectric Capacitors in Valves.
Dolphin Manufacturing Company .....	2929 East Apache, Tulsa, OK 07110 .....	09/14/98	Wooden Furniture for Display Purposes.
Kelltech Precision Machining, Inc .....	2009 Stone Avenue, San Jose, CA 95025.	09/15/98	Precision Machined Brackets.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, no later than the close of the business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: September 17, 1998.

**Anthony J. Meyer,**

*Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Patent and Trademark Office In-Process Telephone Survey**

**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 comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, 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 November 23, 1998.

**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 should be directed to the attention of Cathy Kern, Director, Center for Quality Services, Crystal Park 1—Suite 812, 2011 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, by telephone at (703) 305-4203, by facsimile transmission to (703) 308-8002, or by e-mail to cathy.kern@uspto.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) has established customer-focused goals and objectives in each business area. The Patent business area has established the following goal: Exceed Our Customer's Quality Expectations Through the Competencies and Empowerment of Our Employees. In addition, based on customer feedback, the following four objectives have been identified as key drivers of overall customer satisfaction: (1) direct the customer promptly to the proper office or person; (2) return telephone calls within one business day, or provide

another contact; (3) set forth clearly in written communications the technical, procedural, and legal position of the examiner; and (4) conduct a thorough search of all relevant information.

An internal review program, called an In-Process Review, has been established to focus on performance against the last two standards. To ensure that the internal reviews accurately reflect customer perceptions of quality, the PTO staff will conduct telephone interviews with customers following the same In-Process Review. The results from this review will enable the Patent business area to identify any discrepancies between the internal and customer perceptions of quality. In addition, this information will be used to develop training to address specific weaknesses.

The telephone surveys will be based on the patent applications reviewed by

the PTO's Quality Assurance Specialists and Supervisory Patent Examiners. The PTO is drawing the survey sample from a respondent pool of 2,280 applications reviewed each year by the Quality Assurance Specialists and Supervisory Patent Examiners. This breaks down to 380 applications from each of the six Technology Centers that review patent applications. The PTO estimates that from this total of 380 applications, they will be able to successfully review 80 from each of the six technology centers. The PTO estimates that it will have a random sample of 480 applications.

**II. Method of Collection**

The survey will be conducted by telephone. A random sample is used to collect the data. Statistical methods will be followed.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: There are no forms associated.

Type of Review: New collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, state, local or tribal governments, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 480 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take approximately 30 minutes to complete the telephone survey.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 240 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$42,000 per year.

Title of form	Estimated time for response (minutes)	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Patent and Trademark Office In-Process Telephone Survey .....	30	240	480
Totals .....	.....	240	480

**Note:** The PTO is pulling a random sample of 480 applications as part of the survey effort. Out of this sample, the PTO estimates that they will receive 408 completed surveys, or that they will receive 85% of the sample. This rate is based on previous telephone interviews that resulted in response rates ranging from 80-95%. Depending on the number of surveys completed, the burden to the public will range from 204 to 240 hours.

**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, e.g., 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: September 20, 1998.  
**Linda Engelmeier,**  
*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*  
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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic**

September 18, 1998.  
**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).  
**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 24, 1998.  
**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on

embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limit for Categories 339/639 is being increased for special shift, reducing the limit for Categories 338/638 to account for the special shift being applied. In addition, the limit for 347/348/647/648 is being increased for carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67622, published on December 29, 1997.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*  
**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**  
 September 18, 1998.  
 Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive