

The PTO is implementing PKI in a phased approach. The first phase is the pilot project for the Patent Application Information and Retrieval (PAIR) system. PAIR allows applicants secure authenticated access to their patent application information, through the use of public key cryptography mechanisms that provide strong authentication, encryption, and digital signatures.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand carry when the applicant files a Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Action Form with the PTO.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-XXXX.

Form Number: PTO Form PTO-2042.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal, state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,000 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take approximately 10 minutes to read the instructions, gather

the necessary data, and complete the Public Key Infrastructure Certificate Action Form.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,020 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden: \$525,000 (this cost is associated with the one-time download of additional software that is needed as part of the encryption process). Using the professional hourly rate of \$175.00 for associate attorneys in private firms, the PTO estimates \$178,500 for salary costs associated with respondents.

Title of form	PTO form No.	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
United States Patent and Trademark Office Certificate Action Form	PTO Form PTO-2042	0.17	1,020	6,000
Totals			1,020	6,000

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 will 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, 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: November 22, 1999.

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, December 2, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Bunk Beds

The Commission will consider options concerning whether the Commission should issue a final rule addressing entrapment of children in the structure of bunk beds.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Friday, December 3, 1999, 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Hydrocarbons

The Commission will consider options concerning whether the Commission should issue a proposed

rule to require child-resistant packaging for low-viscosity liquid hydrocarbons.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), DOD.

ACTION: Notice

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. 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 burden of the