

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office****Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0024.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 29,856 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 23,750 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes (1.33 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the paper sequence listing, and submit it to the USPTO. The USPTO also estimates that it will take the public approximately 1 hour to prepare and submit a sequence listing on compact disc (CD) and approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to prepare and submit a sequence listing electronically over the Internet.

Needs and Uses: The guidelines for submitting sequence listing data for national and international biotechnology patent applications are outlined in 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 and World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Standard ST.25 (1998). Applicants must submit a copy of the sequence listing in the prescribed standard format and another copy that is in computer-readable form. The sequence listings may be submitted on paper, CD, or electronically over the Internet. The USPTO uses the sequence listings to determine the patentability of associated applications and to support the publication of applications and issued patents. Applicants use sequence data when preparing biotechnology patent applications and may also search sequence listings after publication.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, 703-308-7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310; or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 21, 2003, to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 15, 2003.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Open Meeting on Department of Defense Directive 1344.7, "Personal Commercial Solicitation on DoD Installations"**

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

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to comment and public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (OUSDP&R) is announcing the opportunity to provide comment on the existing Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 1344.7, "Personal Commercial Solicitation on DoD Installations," dated February 13, 1986. The Department will only consider the comments submitted in writing and provided by those in attendance as it completes its review of the Directive.

DATES: August 22nd, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Drew Model School in the Cafeteria/Multipurpose Room, located at 3500 S. 23rd St, Arlington, VA 22206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Michael A. Pachuta at (703) 602-4994 or Mr. James M. Ellis at (703) 602-5009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Defense is in the process of rewriting the existing policy governing "Personal Commercial Solicitation on DoD Installations," and is soliciting comments addressing any potential changes OSD should make to DoDD 1344.7. A copy of the existing Directive may be found at the following Web site address: http://www.dtic.mil/whs/directives/corres/pdf/d13447wch2_021386/d13447p.pdf. We welcome your comments on any aspect of this document. If you recommend adding or deleting any provisions, please explain why succinctly. All oral comments at the public meeting will be limited to 5 minutes per individual/organization represented. Accompany any oral comments with a written summary to be submitted to OUSD(P&R) at the beginning of the meeting.

All written comments must be submitted no later than August 22, 2003 to be considered, and must include full name, address and telephone number of the sender or a knowledgeable point of contact. If possible, please send an electronic version of the comments either on a 3½ inch DOS format floppy disk, or by e-mail to the addresses listed below, in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) or Microsoft Word. Because of staffing and resource limitations we cannot accept comments by facsimile, and all comments and content are to be limited to 8.5" wide by 11" high vertical page orientation. Additionally, if identical/duplicate comment submissions are submitted both electronically and in paper format, each submission should clearly indicate that it is a duplicate submission. In each comment, please specify the section of the existing DoDD 1344.7 to which the comment applies. Written comments can be addressed to either Colonel Michael A. Pachuta (Michael.pachuta@osd.mil) or Mr. James M. Ellis (james.ellis@osd.mil), at DUSD (MC&FP), 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 302, Arlington, VA 22202.

Dated: July 15, 2003.

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