SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq., allows the entry into the United States of yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine vessels in the ETP under certain conditions. If requested by the harvesting nation, the Assistant Administrator will determine whether to make an affirmative finding based upon documentary evidence provided by the government of the harvesting nation, the IATTC, or the Department of State.

The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP and obligations of membership in the IATTC. Every 5 years, the government of the harvesting nation must request an affirmative finding and submit the required documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator. On an annual basis, NMFS will review the affirmative finding and determine whether the harvesting nation continues to meet the requirements. A nation may provide information related to compliance with IDCP and IATTC measures directly to NMFS on an annual basis or may authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS to annually renew an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

An affirmative finding will be terminated, in consultation with the Secretary of State, if the Assistant Administrator determines that the requirements of 50 CFR 216.24(f) are no longer being met or that a nation is consistently failing to take enforcement actions on violations, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the IDCP.

As a part of the affirmative finding process set forth in 50 CFR 216.24(f), the Assistant Administrator considered documentary evidence submitted by the Republic of El Salvador or obtained from the IATTC and the Department of State and has determined that El Salvador has met the MMPA’s requirements to receive an affirmative finding.

After consultation with the Department of State, the Assistant Administrator issued the Republic of El Salvador’s affirmative finding, allowing the continued importation into the United States of yellowfin tuna and products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested in the ETP by El Salvadorian-flag purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under El Salvadorian jurisdiction. El Salvador’s affirmative finding will remain valid through March 31, 2013, subject to subsequent annual reviews by NMFS.

Dated: July 2, 2008.
John Oliver
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit 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).


Title: Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks).

Form Number(s): PTO Forms 2196, 2197, and 2201.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0056.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 12,491 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 160,004 responses per year with an estimated 142,226 responses filed electronically.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public between 3 to 15 minutes (0.05 to 0.25 hours) to complete the information in this collection, depending on the nature of the information and whether the information is transmitted electronically or submitted in paper. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare it, and submit it to the USPTO. The time estimates for the electronic forms in this collection are based on the average amount of time needed to complete and electronically file the associated form.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 et seq. and is implemented through the Trademark rules set forth in 37 CFR Part 2. It provides for the appointment of attorneys of record or domestic representatives to represent applicants in the application process, for the revocation of those appointments, for attorneys to request permission to withdraw as the attorney of record, and for changes in the owner’s addresses. The USPTO uses the information to process the various requests. This collection contains three electronic forms that are available through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS); there are no official paper forms. The information in this collection is available to the public and is used in a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights.

Affected Public: Primarily businesses or other for-profit organizations.

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 any of the following:

• E-mail: Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0056 copy request” in the subject line of the message.

• Fax: 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

• Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 11, 2008 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 2, 2008.
Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Public Information Services Division.

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

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Title: Post Registration (Trademark Processing).
Form Number(s): PTO Forms 1553, 1593, 1597, 1963 and 4.16.
Agency Approval Number: 0651–0055.
Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.
Burden: 6,689 hours.
Number of Respondents: 106,030 responses.
Avg. Hours per Response: 3 to 30 minutes (0.05 to 0.50 hours). This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and mail the completed request. The time estimates shown for the electronic forms in this collection are based on the average amount of time needed to complete and electronically file the associated form.
Needs and Uses: The information in this collection is a matter of public record and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. The information is available at USPTO facilities and also can be accessed at the USPTO Web site. Additionally, the USPTO provides the information to other entities, including Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries (PTDLs). The PTDLs maintain the information for use by the public.
Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.
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 any of the following methods:
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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 11, 2008 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.
Dated: July 2, 2008.
Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
[OMB Control No. 9000–0078]
Federal Acquisition Regulation; Submission for OMB Review; Make-or-Buy Program
AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
ACTION: Notice of request for comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000–0078).
SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning the make-or-buy program. A request for public comments was published in the Federal Register at 73 FR 10007, February 25, 2008. No comments were received.
Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.
DATES: Submit comments on or before August 11, 2008.
ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (VPR), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0078, Make-or-Buy Program, in all correspondence.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
A. Purpose
Price, performance, and/or implementation of socio-economic policies may be affected by make-or-buy decisions under certain Government prime contracts. Accordingly, FAR 15.407–2, Make-or-Buy Programs—
(i) Sets forth circumstances under which a Government contractor must submit for approval by the contracting officer a make-or-buy program, i.e., a written plan identifying major items to be produced or work efforts to be performed in the prime contractor’s facilities and those to be subcontracted;
(ii) Provides guidance to contracting officers concerning the review and approval of the make-or-buy programs; and
(iii) Prescribes the contract clause at FAR 52.215–9. Changes or Additions to Make-or-Buy Programs, which specifies the circumstances under which the contractor is required to submit for the contracting officer’s advance approval a notification and justification of any proposed change in the approved make-or-buy program.
The information is used to assure the lowest overall cost to the Government for required supplies and services.
B. Annual Reporting Burden
Respondents: 150.
Responses per Respondent: 3.
Total Responses: 450.
Hours per Response: 8.
Total Burden Hours: 3,600.
Obtaining Copies of Proposals: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (VPR), Room 4041, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501–4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000–0078, Make-or-Buy Program, in all correspondence.
Dated: July 2, 2008.
AI Matera,
Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.
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