

methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB),

*OIRA\_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV* or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Certified Mediation Program.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0165.

*Summary of Collection:* The Farm Service Agency (FSA) amended its agricultural loan mediation regulations to implement the requirements of the Federal Crop Insurance Reform and Department of Agriculture Reorganization Act of 1994 (the 1994 Act) and the United States Grain Standards Act of 2000 (the Grain Standards Act). The regulation continues to provide a mechanism to States to apply for and obtain matching funds grants from USDA to supplement the expenses involved with the administration of an agricultural mediation program. FSA will collect information by mail, phone, fax, and in person.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FSA will collect information to determine whether the State meets the eligibility criteria to be recipients of grant funds, and secondly, to determine if the grant is being administered as provided by the Act.

*Description of Respondents:* State, Local or Tribal Government.

*Number of Respondents:* 35.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Annually.

*Total Burden Hours:* 1,190.

#### Farm Service Agency

*Title:* Power of Attorney.

*OMB Control Number:* 0560-0190.

*Summary of Collection:* Individuals or authorized representatives of entities wanting to appoint another to act as their attorney-in-fact in connection with certain Farm Service Agency (FSA), Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), and Risk Management Agency (RMA) programs, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and related actions must complete a Power of Attorney form and Extension Sheet to accommodate additional signatures (FSA-211/211A). The FSA-211/211A serves as evidence that the grantor has appointed another to act on their behalf for certain FSA, CCC, FCIC, RMA, and NRCS programs and related actions giving the appointee legal authority to enter into binding agreements on the grantor's behalf.

*Need and Use of the Information:* FSA will collect information to verify an individual's authority to sign and act for another in the event of errors or fraud that requires legal remedies. The information collected on the FSA-211/211A is limited to the grantor's name, signature, and identification number, the grantee's name, address, and the applicable FSA, CCC, FCIC, NRCS, and RMA programs. Failure to collect and maintain the data collected on the form will limit or eliminate USDA's ability to accept an individual's signature on behalf of another individual or entity.

*Description of Respondents:* Individuals or households.

*Number of Respondents:* 11,250.

*Frequency of Responses:* Reporting: Other (once).

*Total Burden Hours:* 5,861.

#### Ruth Brown,

*Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Practitioner Records Maintenance, Disclosure, and Discipline Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 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 the revision of a continuing 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 May 21, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov).

Include A0651-0017 Practitioner Records Maintenance, Disclosure and Discipline Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office comment@ 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, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Christine Nucker, Enrollment and Discipline Administrator, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop OED, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-6071; or by e-mail to [Christine.Nucker@uspto.gov](mailto:Christine.Nucker@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has the authority to establish regulations governing the conduct and discipline of agents, attorneys, or other persons representing applicants and other parties before the USPTO (35 U.S.C. 2, 32 and 33). The USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility (37 CFR 10.20 to 10.112) describes how attorneys or practitioners should conduct themselves professionally and outlines their responsibilities for recordkeeping and reporting violations or complaints of misconduct to the USPTO, while the Investigations and Disciplinary Proceedings rules (37 CFR 11.19 to 11.61) dictate how the USPTO can discipline attorneys and practitioners.

The USPTO Code of Professional Responsibility requires an attorney or agent to maintain complete records of all funds, securities, and other properties of clients coming into his or

her possession, and to render appropriate accounts to the client regarding the funds, securities, and other properties. These recordkeeping requirements are necessary to maintain the integrity of client property. Each State Bar requires its attorneys to perform similar record keeping.

The Code also requires an attorney or agent to report knowledge of certain violations of the Code to the USPTO. If the complaint is found to have merit, the USPTO will investigate and possibly prosecute violations of the Code. The Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) may, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, suspend, exclude, or disqualify any practitioner from further practice before the USPTO based on noncompliance with the regulations.

Practitioners who have been excluded or suspended from practice before the USPTO must keep and maintain records of their steps to comply with the suspension or exclusion order. These records serve as the practitioner's proof of compliance with the order.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, facsimile, or hand delivery to the USPTO when an individual is required to participate in the information collection.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0651-0017.

*Form Number(s):* There are no forms associated with this collection.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for profits; not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 635 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 2 to 40 hours, depending upon the complexity of the situation, to gather the necessary information, maintain the required records, prepare the complaint, and submit the various documents in this information collection to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 12,330 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$1,275,120. At \$100 per hour for a para-professional/clerical worker, the USPTO estimates \$1,197,000 per year for salary costs associated with respondents for the recordkeeping requirements in this collection. For complaint/violation reporting, the USPTO predicts that half of the complaints will be filed by practitioners and that the remaining complaints will be split evenly between non-legal professionals and semi-professionals or skilled trades persons. The USPTO estimates that it will cost practitioners \$325 per hour, non-legal professionals \$156 per hour, and semi-professionals or skilled trades persons \$60 per hour to submit a complaint, for a weighted average rate of \$217 per hour. Considering these factors, the USPTO estimates \$78,120 per year for salary costs associated with filing a complaint, for a total annual respondent cost burden of \$1,275,120 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response (in hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Recordkeeping Maintenance (including financial books and records such as trust accounts, fiduciary accounts, operating accounts, and advertisements) .....	26	445	11,570
Recordkeeping Maintenance Under Suspension or Exclusion from the USPTO .....	40	10	400
Complaint/Violation Reporting .....	2	180	360
<b>Total</b> .....		<b>635</b>	<b>12,330</b>

*Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden:* \$487. There are no capital start-up costs, maintenance costs or filing fees associated with this information collection. There are, however, postage costs.

The public may submit the complaints in this collection to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. If these documents are sent by first-class mail, a certificate of mailing for each piece of correspondence, stating the date of deposit or transmission to the USPTO, may also be included. The USPTO expects that 180 complaints will be mailed to the USPTO with first-class postage, with 50% or 90 complaints weighing 2 ounces at an average cost of 61 cents for a total of \$55; and 50% or 90 complaints weighing 1 pound at an average cost of \$4.80 for a total of \$432. Therefore, this information collection has a total of \$487 in annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden.

**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, 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: March 16, 2010.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**  
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-580-809]

**Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results and Rescission in Part of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 23, 2010.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alexander Montoro or Nancy Decker, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of