

mail at: tradeadjustment@fas.usda.gov. Additional program information can be obtained at the Web site for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program. The URL is <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa>.

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John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition, and began a review of a petition, for trade adjustment assistance by the North Carolina Commercial Flower Growers Association on behalf of cut lily producers in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not increasing imports of lilies contributed importantly to a greater than 15 percent decrease in cash receipts for lilies compared to the average of the 3 preceding marketing years. If a determination is affirmative, producers who produce and market cut lilies in Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and cash benefits.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trade Adjustment Assistance Staff, FAS, USDA, at (202) 720-0638, or by e-mail at: tradeadjustment@fas.usda.gov. Additional program information can be obtained at the Web site for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program. The URL is <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa>.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), today accepted a petition, and began a review of a petition, for trade adjustment assistance submitted by the Southern Shrimp Alliance on behalf of shrimpers in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas. The Administrator will determine within 40 days whether or not increasing imports of shrimp contributed importantly to a greater than 15 percent decrease in the quantity of production of shrimp compared to the average of the 3 preceding marketing years. If a determination is affirmative, shrimpers who land and market shrimp in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Texas, will be eligible to apply to the Farm Service Agency for technical assistance at no cost and cash benefits.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trade Adjustment Assistance Staff, FAS, USDA, at (202) 720-0638, or by e-mail at: tradeadjustment@fas.usda.gov. Additional program information can be obtained at the Web site for the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Farmers program. The URL is <http://www.fas.usda.gov/itp/taa>.

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John D. Brewer,

Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Initial Patent Applications

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this 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 July 2, 2010.

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

- *E-mail:*

InformationCollection@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0032 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, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Raul Tamayo, Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by e-mail at raul.tamayo@uspto.gov with "Paperwork" in the subject line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Abstract

The USPTO is required by Title 35 of the United States Code, including 35 U.S.C. 131, to examine applications for patents. The USPTO administers the patent statutes through various rules in Chapter 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, including 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.84. The patent statutes and regulations require applicants to provide sufficient information to allow the USPTO to properly examine the application to determine whether it meets the criteria set forth in the patent statutes and regulations to be issued as a patent.

Most applications for patent, including new utility, design, and provisional applications, can be submitted to the USPTO on paper or through EFS-Web. EFS-Web is the USPTO's system for electronic filing of patent correspondence. EFS-Web is accessible via the Internet on the USPTO Web site. The system utilizes standard Web-based screens and prompts to enable users to submit patent documents in Portable Document Format (PDF) directly to the USPTO. The Legal Framework for EFS-Web, available at http://www.uspto.gov/patents/process/file/efs/guidance/New_legal_framework.jsp, provides a listing of patent applications and documents permitted to be filed via EFS-Web and patent applications and