Title: Legal Processes.
Form Number(s): None.
Agency Approval Number: 0651–0046.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Burden: 52 hours annually.
Number of Respondents: 291 responses per year.
Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 1 hour to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate documents, and submit the information in this collection to the USPTO.
Needs and Uses: This collection covers information requirements related to civil actions and claims involving current or former employees of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The rules for these legal processes may be found under 37 CFR part 104, which outlines procedures for service of process, demands for employee testimony and production of documents, reports of unauthorized testimony, employee indemnification, and filing claims against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act (28 U.S.C. 2672). The public uses this collection to serve a summons or complaint on the USPTO, demand employee testimony or documents related to a legal proceeding, or file a claim against the USPTO under the Federal Tort Claims Act. Respondents may petition the USPTO to waive or suspend the rules for legal processes in extraordinary situations. This collection is also necessary so that current and former USPTO employees may properly forward service and demands to the Office of General Counsel, report unauthorized testimony, and request indemnification. No forms are provided by the USPTO for submitting the information in this collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions; and the Federal Government.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.
OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.
Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at http://www.reginfo.gov.
Paper copies can be obtained by:
• E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0046 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, United States 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 June 21, 2010 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202–305–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.
Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States 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).
Agency Approval Number: 0651–0012.
Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.
Burden: 98,028 hours annually.
Number of Respondents: 93,340 responses per year.
Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public between 1 minute (0.02 hours) and 40 hours, depending upon the complexity of the situation, to gather the necessary information, prepare, and submit the forms and requirements in this collection.
Needs and Uses: This information is required by 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(D) and administered by the USPTO through 37 CFR 1.21, 10.14, 10.170, 11.2, 11.5–11.14 and 11.28. The information is used by the Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED) to determine whether the applicant for registration is of good moral character and repute; has the necessary legal, scientific, and technical qualifications; and is otherwise competent to advise and assist applicants in the presentation and prosecution of patent applications.
Note that the USPTO is approved to collect a fee under 37 CFR 11.8 and is seeking continued approval to collect that fee. The USPTO has not implemented the changes from that final rule or the new information collection activities associated with that rulemaking; however, we continue to include the estimates of that burden in this request. The USPTO at this time is not collecting that fee but is retaining an estimated burden for the fee collection. If the agency chooses to begin collecting the fee, it will inform the public.
Please Note ALSO that the USPTO is requesting continued approval for items currently approved but not collected that are associated with 37 CFR 11.13 and were introduced as collection items on June 24, 2004 by the final rule 0651–AB55, Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (60 Fed. Reg. 35428). OMB has previously approved the collection of these items. The USPTO has not implemented the changes from that proposed rule or the new information collection activities associated with that rulemaking; however, we continue to include the estimates of that burden in this request.
If the agency determines that it will not implement the Rule and/or determines that the fee under 37 CFR 11.8 will never be collected, the agency will request a removal of the burden estimates from this collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.
OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail: Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov.
Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at http://www.reginfo.gov.
Paper copies can be obtained by:
• E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0012 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, United States Patent and
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; International Import Certificate

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Larry Hall, BIS ICB Liaison, (202) 482–4895, lhall@bis.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract
The United States and several other countries have increased the effectiveness of their respective controls over international trade in strategic commodities by means of an Import Certificate procedure. For the U.S. importer, this procedure provides that, where required by the exporting country, the importer submits an international import certificate to the U.S. Government to certify that he/she will import commodities into the United States and will not reexport such commodities, except in accordance with the export control regulations of the United States. The U.S. Government, in turn, certifies that such representations have been made.

II. Method of Collection
Submitted electronically or in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694–0017.
Form Number(s): Form BIS–645P, International Import Certificate.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 340.
Estimated Time per Response: 16 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 91.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $1,814.

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 and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.


Gwellnar Banks, Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Delivery Verification Procedure

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 20, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract
Foreign governments, on occasions, require U.S. importers of strategic commodities to furnish their foreign supplier with a U.S. Delivery Verification Certificate validating that the commodities shipped to the U.S. were in fact received. This procedure increases the effectiveness of controls on the international trade of strategic commodities.

II. Method of Collection
Submitted electronically or in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0694–0016.
Form Number(s): BIS–647P.
Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.
Estimated Time per Response: 31 minutes.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 56.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $0.

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)