using the USPTO Design Classification system has continually improved through internal and external review of the coding and through internal training and quality-review procedures. The USPTO Design Classification system provides more accurate results, is available to all members of the public through the Internet, and is exclusively used by the examining attorneys at the USPTO.

Accordingly, the USPTO hereby gives notice of its intent to discontinue coding design marks with paper search designations. Any interested member of the public is invited to provide comments on this plan within thirty (30) days. The USPTO is providing this opportunity for public comment because the USPTO desires the benefit of public comment on the proposal; however, notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(b) or any other law. See Cooper Techs. Co. v. Dudas, 536 F.3d 1330, 1336–37 (Fed. Cir. 2008) (stating that 5 U.S.C. 553, and thus 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(B), does not require notice and comment rule making for “‘interpretative rules, general statements of policy, or rules of agency organization, procedure, or practice.’” (quoting 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A))). Persons submitting written comments should note that the USPTO may not provide a “comment and response” analysis of such comments as notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required.


David J. Kappos,
Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

The following notice of scheduled meetings is published pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, 5 U.S.C. 552b.

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETINGS:
Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIMES AND DATES: The Commission has scheduled two meetings for the following dates:
January 13, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
January 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC. Lobby Level Hearing Room (Room 1000).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The Commission has scheduled these meetings to consider the issuance of various proposed rules. Agendas for each of the scheduled meetings will be made available to the public and posted on the Commission’s Web site at http://www.cftc.gov at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. In the event that the times or dates of the meetings change, an announcement of the change, along with the new time and place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission’s Web site.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
David A. Stawick, Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, January 14, 2011.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance and Enforcement Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Sauntia S. Warfield, Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting Date Change

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency (MDA), DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, December 14, 2010, the Department of Defense announced by publication in the Federal Register (75 FR 77848) closed meetings of the Missile Defense