

Regardless of fishing region or species, each sector must be adequately represented, and the intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of the HMS AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: (1) Experience in the HMS recreational fishing industry; (2) experience in the HMS commercial fishing industry; (3) experience in fishery-related industries (e.g., marinas, bait and tackle shops); (4) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; and/or (5) representation of a private, non-governmental, regional, national, or international organization representing marine fisheries; or environmental, governmental, or academic interests dealing with HMS.

Five additional members on the HMS AP include one member representing each of the following Councils: New England Fishery Management Council, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council. The HMS AP also includes 22 ex-officio participants: 20 representatives of the coastal states and two representatives of the interstate commissions (the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission).

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the HMS AP. However, NMFS will not compensate participants with monetary support of any kind. Depending on availability of funds, members may be reimbursed for travel costs related to the HMS AP meetings.

### C. Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the HMS AP will be held as frequently as necessary but are routinely held twice each year in the spring and fall. The meetings may be held in conjunction with public hearings.

Dated: October 31, 2011.

**Steven Thur,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2011-0054]

#### Discontinuing the Mass Mailing of Paper Fee Schedules to Registered Attorneys, Agents, and Deposit Account Holders

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is discontinuing the mass mailing of revised paper fee schedules to registered attorneys, agents, and deposit account holders when fees are adjusted due to enactment of legislation or fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index. Since a substantial majority of filings and fee payments are submitted on-line, and the most up-to-date fee schedule is always available and maintained on-line, the USPTO has discontinued the mass mailing of the paper fee schedules. The current fee schedule is essentially built into the on-line systems (e.g., EFS-Web, TEAS, accessible through the USPTO home page, etc.), which display the current fee amounts required at the time of submitting the payment.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* November 3, 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Matthew Lee, Office of Finance, Receipts Accounting Division, by telephone at (571) 272-6343; or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop 16, Director of the USPTO, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The USPTO is discontinuing the mass mailing of revised paper fee schedules that have been sent to registered attorneys, agents, and deposit account holders since the early 1990s. Since 1998, the revised paper fee schedules have always indicated that the most up-to-date fee amounts and information are maintained on the USPTO Web site. This availability of the fee amounts and information renders paper fee schedules obsolete.

The purpose of the mass mailings was to provide the practitioners with advance notice of upcoming fee adjustments at a time when filings and fee payments were mainly submitted by mail. Due to the lead time needed for finalizing, bulk printing, and mass mailing of the paper fee schedules, the paper fee schedules have sometimes been mailed out weeks after the new fees are already in effect. Currently over

90 percent of patent applications are filed on-line via EFS-Web, and over 98 percent of trademark applications are filed on-line via TEAS.

The official, current USPTO fee schedule will continue to be available and maintained on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp>. Additionally, those wishing to receive a paper copy of the current USPTO fee schedule can obtain this copy by calling the USPTO Contact Center at (571) 272-1000 or (800) 786-9199.

Dated: October 28, 2011.

**Teresa Stanek Rea,**

*Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2011-0057]

#### Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,914; SURFAXIN® (Lucinactant)

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Interim Patent Term Extension.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued an Order Granting Interim Extension for a third one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 5,407,914.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mary C. Till by telephone at (571) 272-7755; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Hatch-Waxman PTE, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by fax marked to her attention at (571) 273-7755, or by email to [Mary.Till@uspto.gov](mailto:Mary.Till@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to one year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On September 19, 2011, Discovery Laboratories Inc., on behalf of patent