Needs and Uses: Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999 (FQA), 15 U.S.C. 5401 et seq., certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. It is also mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the USPTO for recordal of the insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register.

The procedures for the recordal of fastener insignia under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 et seq. The purpose of requiring both the insignia and the recordation is to ensure that certain fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers and to protect against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, or counterfeit fasteners.

The public uses this information collection to comply with the insignia recordal provisions of the FQA. An applicant may choose to use either the Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO–1611) or prepare requests for recordal using a separate document that includes the information required by 15 CFR 280.310(b)(1)–(8).

The USPTO uses the information in this collection to record, renew, or reactivation insignias under the FAQ and to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open to public inspection. The public may download the Fastener Insignia Register from the USPTO Web site.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.
Frequency: On occasion.
Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.
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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:
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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 22, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to (202) 395–5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: November 17, 2011.

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

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