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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committees' duties include:

- Review and advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO on matters relating to policies, goals, performance, budget, and user fees of the USPTO relating to patents and trademarks, respectively; and
- Within 60 days after the end of each fiscal year: (1) Prepare an annual report on matters listed above; (2) transmit the report to the Secretary of Commerce, the President, and the Committees on the Judiciary of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and (3) publish the report in the Official Gazette of the USPTO.

Advisory Committees

The Public Advisory Committees are each composed of nine (9) voting members who are appointed by the Secretary of Commerce (the "Secretary") and serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for three-year terms. Members are eligible for reappointment for a second consecutive three-year term. The Public Advisory Committee members must be citizens of the United States and are chosen to represent the interests of diverse users of the United States Patent and Trademark Office with respect to patents, in the case of the Patent Public Advisory Committee, and with respect to trademarks, in the case of the Trademark Public Advisory Committee. Members must represent small and large entity applicants located in the United States in proportion to the number of applications filed by such applicants. The Committees must include individuals with "substantial background and achievement in finance, management, labor relations, science, technology, and office automation." 35 U.S.C. 5(b)(3). Each of the Public Advisory Committees also includes three (3) non-voting members representing each labor organization recognized by the USPTO. Administration policy discourages the appointment of federally registered lobbyists to agency advisory boards and commissions (Lobbyists on Agency

Boards and Commissions, <http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2009/09/23/lobbyist-agency-boards-and-commissions> (Sept. 23, 2009)); cf. Exec. Order No. 13490, 74 FR 4673 (January 21, 2009) (While Executive Order 13490 does not specifically apply to federally registered lobbyists appointed by agency or department heads, it sets forth the Administration's general policy of decreasing the influence of special interests in the Federal Government).

Procedures and Guidelines of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees

Each newly appointed member of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees will serve for a three-year term that begins on December 1, 2017, and ends on December 1, 2020. As required by the 1999 Act, members of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees will receive compensation for each day (including travel time) while the member is attending meetings or engaged in the business of that Advisory Committee. The enabling statute states that members are to be compensated at the daily equivalent of the annual rate of basic pay in effect for level III of the Executive Schedule under section 5314 of Title 5, United States Code. Committee members are compensated on an hourly basis, calculated at the daily rate. While away from home or regular place of business, each member shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, as authorized by Section 5703 of Title 5, United States Code.

Applicability of Certain Ethics Laws

Public Advisory Committee Members are Special Government Employees within the meaning of Section 202 of Title 18, United States Code. The following additional information includes several, but not all, of the ethics rules that apply to members, and assumes that members are not engaged in Public Advisory Committee business more than 60 days during any period of 365 consecutive days.

- Each member will be required to file a confidential financial disclosure form within thirty (30) days of appointment. 5 CFR 2634.202(c), 2634.204, 2634.903, and 2634.904(b).
- Each member will be subject to many of the public integrity laws, including criminal bars against representing a party in a particular matter that came before the member's committee and that involved at least one specific party. 18 U.S.C. 205(c); *see also* 18 U.S.C. 207 for post-membership bars. A member also must not act on a matter

in which the member (or any of certain closely related entities) has a financial interest. 18 U.S.C. 208.

- Representation of foreign interests may also raise issues. 35 U.S.C. 5(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. 219.

Meetings of the Patent and Trademark Public Advisory Committees

Meetings of each Advisory Committee will take place at the call of the respective Committee Chair to consider an agenda set by that Chair. Meetings may be conducted in person, telephonically, on-line through the Internet, or by other appropriate means. The meetings of each Advisory Committee will be open to the public except each Advisory Committee may, by majority vote, meet in executive session when considering personnel, privileged, or other confidential information. Nominees must have the ability to participate in Committee business through the Internet.

Dated: June 26, 2017.

Joseph Matal,

Performing the Functions and Duties of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

International Design Applications (Hague Agreement)

ACTION: Proposed extension of a continuing information collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on a proposed extension of an existing collection: 0651-0075 (International Design Applications (Hague Agreement)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 29, 2017.

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

Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0075 comment" in the subject line of the message.

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

Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Division Director, Office of the Chief Technology Officer, United States Patent and

Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Rafael Bacares, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-3276; or by email at Rafael.Bacares@uspto.gov with "0651-0075 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

The Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012 (PLTIA) amends the patent laws to implement the provisions of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning International Registration of Industrial Designs (hereinafter "Hague Agreement") in title 1, and the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) in title 2. The Hague Agreement is an international agreement that enables an applicant to file a single international design application which may have the effect of an application for protection for the design(s) in countries and/or intergovernmental organizations that are Parties to the Hague Agreement (the "Contracting Parties") designated in the application. The United States is a Contracting Party to the Hague Agreement, which took effect with respect to the United States on May 13, 2015. The Hague Agreement is administered by the International Bureau (IB) of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Thus, under the Hague Agreement, a U.S. applicant could file an international design application in

English "indirectly" through the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), which will forward the application to the IB or "directly" with the IB. The industrial design or designs will be eligible for protection in all the Contracting Parties designated by the applicant.

The IB ascertains whether the international design application complies with formal requirements, registers the international design in the International register, and publishes the international registration in the International Designs Bulletin. The international registration contains all of the data of the international application, any reproduction of the industrial design, date of the international registration, number of the international registration, and relevant class of the International Classification.

The IB will provide a copy of the publication of the international registration to each Contracting party designated by the applicant. A designated Contracting Party may perform a substantive examination of the design application. The USPTO will perform a substantive examination for patentability of the international design application, as in the case of regular U.S. design applications.

The Hague Agreement enables applicants from a Contracting Party to obtain protection of their designs with minimal formality and expense. Additionally, under the Hague Agreement, the international registration can be centrally maintained by the IB. For example, through the IB, applicants can record changes of their representatives or changes in ownership, and renew their international registration.

II. Method of Collection

Most of the items in this collection can be submitted electronically through

EFS-Web. The items can also be submitted by mail.

III. Data

Collection Name: International Design Applications (Hague Agreement).

OMB Number: 0651-0075.

IC Instruments and Forms: WIPO DM/1.

Type of Review: Extension of a Previously Reviewed Information Collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profits; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Responses: 556 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the response time for activities related to International Design Applications will take the public between approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 6 hours to complete. (See Table 1.) This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO. The USPTO calculates that, on balance, it takes the same amount of time to do this, regardless of whether the public is submitting the information in paper form or electronically.

Estimated Total Response Burden Hours: 1,898.00 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden: \$778,180. The USPTO expects that an attorney will complete these applications. The professional hourly rate for attorneys is \$410. This rate is established by estimates in the 2015 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association. Using this hourly rate, the USPTO estimates that the total respondent cost burden for this collection is \$778,180 per year.

TABLE 1—ANNUAL HOURLY COST BURDEN

IC No.	Item	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours	Rate (\$/hr)	Estimated annual burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)
1	Applicant for International Registration	6.00	156	936	\$410.00	\$383,750.00
2	Claim and Reproductions (Drawings)	4.00	156	624	410.00	255,840.00
3	Transmittal Letter	2.00	140	280	410.00	114,800.00
4	Appointment of a Representative	0.25 (15 minutes)	15	3.75	410.00	1,537.50
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit.	4.00	1	4	410.00	1,640.00
6	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16.	4.00	1	4	410.00	1,640.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date	4.00	2	8	410.00	3,280.00
8	Fee Authorization	0.25 (15 minutes)	31	7.75	410.00	3,177.50
9	Petitions to the Commissioner	4.00	1	4	410.00	1,640.00

TABLE 1—ANNUAL HOURLY COST BURDEN—Continued

IC No.	Item	Estimated time for response (hours) (a)	Estimated annual responses (b)	Estimated annual burden hours (a) × (b) = (c)	Rate (\$/hr) (d)	Estimated annual burden (c) × (d) = (e)
10	Transmittal of Issue Fee to UPSTO for an International Design Application.	0.50 (30 minutes)	1	0.50	410.00	205.00
11	Declaration on Inventorship for Purposes of Designation of the United States.	0.50 (30 minutes)	46	23	410.00	9,430.00
12	Substitute Statement in Lieu of a Declaration of Inventorship for the Purposes of Designating the United States.	0.50 (30 minutes)	1	0.50	410.00	205.00
13	Assignment Cover Sheet	0.50 (30 minutes)	5	0.50	410.00	1,025.00
Totals			556	1,898.00		778,180.00

Estimated Total Annual (Non-hour) Respondent Cost Burden: \$424,245.90.

There are no maintenance, operation, capital start-up, or recordkeeping costs associated with this collection. However, this collection does have

annual (non-hour) costs in the form of postage costs and filing fees.

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this collection be submitted electronically, the items may be submitted by mail through the United

States Postal Service (USPS). The USPTO estimates that the average cost for a paper submission will be \$5.95 and that 62 submissions will be mailed to the USPTO per year.

TABLE 2—POSTAGE COSTS

IC No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Postage costs (b)	Estimated total postage costs (c) (a) × (b)
1	Applicant for International Registration	1	\$5.95	\$5.95
2	Claim and Reproductions (Drawings)	1	5.95	5.95
3	Transmittal Letter	1	5.95	5.95
4	Appointment of a Representative	1	5.95	5.95
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit	1	5.95	5.95
6	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16.	1	5.95	5.95
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date	1	5.95	5.95
8	Fee Authorization	1	5.95	5.95
9	Petitions to the Commissioner	1	5.95	5.95
10	Transmittal of Issue Fee to USPTO for an International Design Application.	1	5.95	5.95
11	Declaration on Inventorship for Purposes of Designation of the United States.	46	5.95	273.70
12	Substitute Statement in Lieu of a Declaration of Inventorship for the Purposes of Designating the United States.	1	5.95	5.95
13	Assignment Cover Sheet	5	5.95	29.75
Total Postage Costs	62		368.90	

This collection also contains an annual (non-hour) cost burden in the way of filing fees. The total estimated

filing costs for this collection is \$423,876 detailed in Table 3 below.

TABLE 3—FILING FEES

IC No.	Item	Estimated annual response (a)	Filing fee amount (b)	Total filing fee cost (c) (a) × (b)
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Average Fee per registration to WIPO (collecting for WIPO).	155	\$1,766.00	\$273,730.00

TABLE 3—FILING FEES—Continued

IC No.	Item	Estimated annual response (a)	Filing fee amount (b)	Total filing fee cost (c) (a) × (b)
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (large entity).	155	760.00	117,800.00
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (small entity).	1	380.00	380.00
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (micro entity).	1	190.00	190.00
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (large entity).	155	120.00	18,600.00
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (small entity).	1	120.00	120.00
1	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (micro entity).	1	120.00	120.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Average Fee per registration to WIPO (collecting for WIPO).	1	1,766.00	1,766.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (large entity).	1	760.00	760.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (small entity).	1	380.00	380.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (micro entity).	1	190.00	190.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (large entity).	1	120.00	120.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (small entity).	1	120.00	120.00
1	Application for International Registration (non-electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (micro entity).	1	120.00	120.00
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (electronic) (large entity).	1	1,700.00	1,700.00
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (electronic) (small entity).	1	850.00	850.00
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (electronic) (micro entity).	1	850.00	850.00
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (non-electronic) (large entity).	1	1,700.00	1,700.00
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (non-electronic) (small entity).	1	850.00	850.00
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (non-electronic) (micro entity).	1	850.00	850.00
6	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16 (electronic).	1	180.00	180.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date (electronic) (large entity)	2	400.00	400.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date (electronic) (small entity)	1	200.00	200.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date (electronic) (micro entity)	1	100.00	100.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date (non-electronic) (large entity)	1	400.00	400.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date (non-electronic) (small entity)	1	200.00	200.00
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date (non-electronic) (micro entity)	1	100.00	100.00
9	Petitions to Commissioner (electronic) (large entity)	1	400.00	400.00
9	Petitions to Commissioner (electronic) (small entity)	1	200.00	200.00
9	Petitions to Commissioner (electronic) (micro entity)	1	100.00	100.00
	Totals	493		423,876.00

The USPTO estimates that the total annual (non-hour) respondent cost burden for this collection in the forms of postage costs and filing fees is estimated to be approximately be \$424,245.90 per year (\$368.90 in postage costs and \$423,876 in filing fees).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the USPTO's request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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, e.g., the use of automated

collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Marcie Lovett,

*Records and Information Governance
Division Director, USPTO, Office of the Chief
Technology Officer.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR
SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Proposed Additions
and Deletion**

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to and Deletion from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add products and services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes a service previously furnished by such agency.

Comments Must Be Received on or Before: 7/30/2017.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia 22202-4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS CONTACT: Amy B. Jensen, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

The following products and services are proposed for addition to the Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed.

Products

NSN(s)—Product Name(s):

9930-00-NIB-0105—Kit, Post Mortem Bag, Basic, Straight Zipper, 36" × 90"
9930-00-NIB-0106—Kit, Post Mortem Bag, Basic, Curved Zipper, 36" × 90"

9930-00-NIB-0107—Kit, Post Mortem Bag, Heavy Duty, 36" × 90"

9930-00-NIB-0108—Kit, Post Mortem Bag, Heavy Duty, XL, 72" × 90"

9930-00-NIB-0109—Kit, Disaster Bag with ID Tags, 34" × 96"

Mandatory for: Broad Government Requirement

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: BOSMA Enterprises, Indianapolis, IN

Contracting Activity: Defense Logistics Agency Troop Support

Distribution: B-List

Services

Service Type: Custodial Service

Mandatory for: Defense Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency Headquarters, Building 6000, 200 MacDill Blvd., Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, DC

Defense Intelligence Agency, Missile and Space Intelligence Center/EOE Complex, Bldgs. 4545 Fowler Rd. & 7533 Mathews Rd., Redstone Arsenal, AL

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: CW Resources, Inc., New Britain, CT

Contracting Activity: Dept of Defense, Virginia Contracting Agency, DIAC CF02E

Service Type: Janitorial Service

Mandatory for: U.S. Census Bureau, National Processing Center, 1201 E 10th Street, Jeffersonville, IN

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Rauch, Inc., New Albany, IN

Contracting Activity: Dept of Commerce/ Bureau of the Census

Service Type: Base Supply Center Service

Mandatory for: U.S. Air Force, Robins Air Force Base, 375 Perry Street, Suite A, Robins AFB, GA

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Alabama Industries for the Blind, Talladega, AL

Contracting Activity: Dept. of the Air Force, FA8501 AFSC PZIO

Deletion

The following service is proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Service

Service Type: Janitorial/Custodial Service

Mandatory for: U.S. Army Reserve Center: 10541 Calle Lee, Building 2, Los Alamitos, CA

Mandatory Source(s) of Supply: Elwyn, Aston, PA

Contracting Activity: Dept of the Army, W6QM MICC-MOFFETT FIELD

Barry S. Lineback,

Director, Business Operations.

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM
PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR
SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Additions and
Deletions**

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to and Deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds products and services to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and deletes products and services from the Procurement List previously furnished by such agencies.

DATES Effective Date: 7/30/2017.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 1401 S. Clark Street, Suite 715, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-4149.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy B. Jensen, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Additions

On 5/26/2017 (82 FR 24308-24309), 6/2/2017 (82FR 25602), and 6/16/2017 (82 FR 27698), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.