

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****Patent and Trademark Office****Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; "International Design Applications (Hague Agreement)"**

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:* United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

*Title:* International Design Applications (Hague Agreement).

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0075.

*Form Number(s):* WIPO DM/1.

*Type of Request:* Regular.

*Number of Respondents:* 556 responses per year.

*Average Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the response time for activities related to International Design Applications (Hague Agreement) will take the public between approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to 6 hours to complete. 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 to the public is submitting the information in paper form or electronically.

*Burden Hours:* 1,898 hours per year.

*Non-Hourly Cost Burden:* \$424,246.00 per year.

*Needs and Uses:* The information requested in this collection is necessary for the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Contracting Parties, and the USPTO to process information design applications and related correspondences under the Hague Agreement. The Hague Agreement is an international agreement that enables an applicant to file a single international design application and have it function as an application for protection for the designs in countries and or organizations that are Parties to the Treaty and designated in the application.

As an initial matter, the International Bureau (IB) of WIPO uses this information to perform its review under the treaty. Pursuant to Article 8 of the treaty, if the International Bureau (IB) finds that the applicant has not fulfilled the requirements of the Hague Agreements and the Common Regulations, the IB will invite the applicant to make the required

connections within a prescribed time period. Once this review of the formalities of the application has been completed, the IB then issues an international registration, which includes the information collected from the international design application. The designated Contracting Parties then perform their review of the international design application. 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. Through the IB, applicants can record changes of their representatives, change ownership, and renew international registrations.

*Affected Public:* Business 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, email: [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov).

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0075 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- *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.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 11, 2017 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via email to [Nicholas\\_A\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0093]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Master Generic Plan for Customer Surveys and Focus Groups**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, ED is proposing an extension of an existing information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 11, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** To access and review all the documents related to the information collection listed in this notice, please use <http://www.regulations.gov> by searching the Docket ID number ED-2017-ICCD-0093. Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting the Docket ID number or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Room 216-32, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact Stephanie Valentine, 202-401-0526.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the