

or other activity to the vessel, aids law enforcement, and is valuable in actions concerning the damage, loss of gear, and civil proceedings.

II. Method of Collection

Third party disclosure

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0360.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals, or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 339.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes per Pacific Islands fishing vessel; one hour and 15 minutes per South Pacific purse seine vessel; 5 minutes per gear marking.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,348.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$50,850 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 28, 2017.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–P–2017–0039]

Cash Payment Method Will No Longer Be Accepted

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will no longer accept cash, including coins, as payment for products and services for which fees are required.

DATES: *Applicable Date:* November 1, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Lee, Director, Receipts Accounting Division, Office of Finance, by email at matthew.lee@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective November 1, 2017, the USPTO will no longer accept cash, including coins, as payment for products and services for which fees are required. This change is being made to streamline the administrative fee collection process and is in accordance with the Department of the Treasury's policy on agencies adopting a no-cash policy. See <https://tfn.fiscal.treasury.gov/v1/bull/17-12.pdf>. There is no requirement that the USPTO accept cash payments. See, e.g., 37 CFR 1.23.

The USPTO's total net revenue for the last three fiscal years exceeded \$3.0 billion each year, and the cash payment method collections averaged less than \$14,000 each year. In fiscal year (FY) 2016, the cash payment method comprised less than \$11,000, which represented less than 0.0004 percent of total net revenue collections. Furthermore, the USPTO processed over 4.95 million total fee transactions in FY 2016, and only 55 patent fees totaling under \$5,000, and eleven trademark fees totaling under \$4,000, were paid by cash.

The only other fees collected by cash in FY 2016 were about \$1,500 in copying fees. The current self-service copiers are to be discontinued as part of Office plans to enter a "No Cost" contract with a vendor who will keep all payments collected in exchange for providing this service. See *Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2017*, 81 FR 68150, 68168 (Oct. 3, 2016) (proposed rule).

For the past three years, the overwhelming majority of fees have been paid to the USPTO using a payment method other than cash, and

the costs of handling, safeguarding, auditing, transporting, and depositing of cash payments greatly outweigh the benefits of continuing to accept the cash payment method.

While the USPTO will no longer accept the cash payment method on or after November 1, 2017, payments will continue to be accepted in-person and by mail when made by check or money order, credit/debit card, or deposit account. Payment of fees attempted with cash will be refused and returned. More information about all accepted payment methods is available at <https://www.uspto.gov/learning-and-resources/fees-and-payment/accepted-payment-methods>.

Dated: September 25, 2017.

Joseph D. 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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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB–2017–0033]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is requesting to renew the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for an existing information collection, titled, "Generic Information Collection Plan for Studies of Consumers using Controlled Trials in Field and Economic Laboratory Settings."

DATES: Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before December 4, 2017 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the title of the information collection, OMB Control Number (see below), and docket number (see above), by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552.