

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](mailto: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.

• *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Attention: PRA Office), 1275 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002.

*Please note that comments submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* In general, all comments received will become public records, including any personal information provided. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Documentation prepared in support of this information collection request is available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Requests for additional information should be directed to the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW., Washington, DC 20552, (202) 435-9575, or email: [CFPB\\_PRA@cfpb.gov](mailto:CFPB_PRA@cfpb.gov). *Please do not submit comments to this mailbox.*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title of Collection:* Generic Information Collection Plan for Studies of Consumers using Controlled Trials in Field and Economic Laboratory Settings. *OMB Control Number:* 3170-0048.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 42,600.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 38,400.

*Abstract:* Under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, the Bureau is tasked with researching, analyzing, and reporting on topics relating to the Bureau's mission, including developments in markets for consumer financial products and services, consumer awareness, and consumer behavior. The Bureau seeks to renew the OMB approval for a generic information collection plan to collect data from purposive samples through controlled trials in field and economic laboratory settings. This research will be used for developmental and informative purposes in order to increase the Bureau's understanding of consumer credit markets and household financial decision-making. Basic research projects will be submitted under this clearance. This is a routine request for OMB to renew its approval of the collections of information currently approved under this OMB control number. The Bureau is not proposing any new or revised collections of information pursuant to this request.

*Request For Comments:* Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the

collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Bureau, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) The accuracy of the Bureau's estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methods and the assumptions used; (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. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 27, 2017.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Paperwork Reduction Act Officer, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD.

**STATUS:** Commission Meeting—Open to the Public

**MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:** Briefing Matters: (1) Revision to the Notice of Requirements (NOR) for Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates—Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; (2) Prohibition of Children's Toys and Child Care Articles Containing Specified Phthalates—Final Rule

A live webcast of the Meeting can be viewed at <https://www.cpsc.gov/live>.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7923.

Dated: September 29, 2017.

**Alberta E. Mills,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

[Docket No.: ED-2017-ICCD-0105]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Annual Progress Reporting Form for the American Indian Vocational Rehabilitation Services (AIVRS) Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS), Department of Education (ED).

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 2, 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-0105. 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 216-44, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For specific questions related to collection activities, please contact August Martin, 202-245-7410.

**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