be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting. Copies of CINTAC meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.


Devin Horne,
Designated Federal Officer, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

The Chief Financial Officer/Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the Assistant General Counsel for Employment, Litigation, and Information, formally determined on July 1, 2019, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed at the meeting.

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Kevin A. Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel) will meet in closed session Monday, November 4, 2019 through Friday, November 8, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time each day. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommendations from site visits and recommend 2019 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) recipients. The meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed at the meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Monday, November 4, 2019 through Friday, November 8, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time each day. The entire meeting will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Robert Fangmeyer, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–1020, telephone number (301) 975–2361, email robert.fangmeyer@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel will meet on Monday, November 4, 2019 through Friday, November 8, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time each day. The Judges Panel is composed of twelve members, appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, with balanced representation from U.S. service, manufacturing, nonprofit, education, and health care industries. Members are selected for their familiarity with quality improvement operations and competitiveness issues of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, nonprofits, health care providers, and educational institutions. The purpose of this meeting is to review recommendations from site visits and recommend 2019 Award recipients. The meeting is closed to the public in order to protect the proprietary data to be examined and discussed at the meeting.

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Kevin A. Kimball,
Chief of Staff.
necessary so that current and former
USPTO employees may properly
forward service and demands to the
Office of General Counsel, report
unauthorized testimony, and request
indemnification. The USPTO covers
current employees as respondents under
this information collection even though
their responses do not require approval
under the Paperwork Reduction Act. In	hose instances where both current and
former employees may respond to the
USPTO, the agency estimates that the
number of respondents will be small.

There are no forms provided by the
USPTO for this collection. For filing
claims under the Federal Tort Claims
Act, the public may use Standard Form
95 “Claim for Damage, Injury, or
Death,” which is provided by the
Department of Justice and approved by the
Office of Management and Budget
(OMB) under OMB Control Number
1105-0008.

II. Method of Collection
By mail or hand delivery to the
USPTO.

III. Data
OMB Number: 0651–0046.
Form Number(s): None.
Type of Review: Revision of a
currently approved collection.
Affected Public: Individuals or
households; businesses or other for-
profits; not-for-profit institutions; and
the Federal Government.
Estimated Number of Respondents:
299 responses per year. The USPTO
estimates that approximately 10% of
these responses will be from small
entities.

Estimated Time per Response: The
USPTO estimates that it will take the
public from 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to 6
hours to prepare a single item in this
collection, including gathering the
necessary information, preparing the
appropriate documents, and submitting
the information required for this
collection.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:
130 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden
(Hourly): $56,712.27. The USPTO
estimates that the information in this
collection will be prepared by attorneys
and former employees at an hourly rate
of $438, except for the requests for
employee indemnification, which
generally come from professional and
supervisory staff at an hourly rate of
$79.78. The attorney rates are found in
the 2017 Report of the Economic Survey
of the America Intellectual Property
Law Association (AIPLA). Since the
majority of the former employees
affected by this collection are attorneys,
the estimated attorney hourly rate will
be used for former employees as well.
Using these hourly rates, the USPTO
estimates that the total respondent cost
burden for this collection will be
approximately $56,712.27 per year.

### Table 1—Respondent Hourly Cost Burden

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<th>IC No.</th>
<th>Item</th>
<th>Estimated response time</th>
<th>Estimated annual responses</th>
<th>Estimated annual burden hours</th>
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<th>Total cost ($/yr)</th>
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<td>Petition to Waive Rules</td>
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<td>490.56</td>
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### Postage Costs
Customers may incur postage costs
when submitting the information in this
collection to the USPTO by mail. The
USPTO estimates that the average first-
class postage for a mailed submission,
other than a Service of Process, will be
$3.15 and that up to 56 of these
submissions will be mailed to the
USPTO per year, for a postage cost of
$82.64. The USPTO estimates that the
average postage for a Service of Process
will be mailed Priority Express at a cost
of $25.50 and that up to 243 of these
submissions will be mailed to the
USPTO per year, for a postage cost of
$6,197. The total estimated postage cost
for this collection is approximately
$6,279 per year.

Therefore, the total annual (non-hour)
respondent cost burden for this
collection, in the form of filing fees
($650.00) and postage costs ($6,279), is
estimated to be approximately $6,928
per year.

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, including the validity of
the methodology and 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, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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

Marcie Lovett,
Records Management Division Director,
OCIO, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Limitations of Duty- and Quota-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Countries From Regional and Third-Country Fabric

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Publishing the new 12-month cap on duty- and quota-free benefits.

DATES: Applicable: October 1, 2019.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Title I, Section 112(b)(3) of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA 2000), Public Law (Pub. L.) 106–200, as amended by Division B, Title XXI, section 3108 of the Trade Act of 2002, Public Law 107–210; Section 7(b)(2) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004, Public Law 108–274; Division D, Title VI, section 6002 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA 2006), Public Law 109–432, and section 1 of The African Growth and Opportunity Amendments (Pub. L. 112–163), August 10, 2012; Presidential Proclamation 7350 of October 2, 2000 (65 FR 59321); Presidential Proclamation 7626 of November 13, 2002 (67 FR 69459); and Title I, Section 103(b)(2) and (3) of the Trade Preferences Extension Act of 2015, Pub. L. 114–27, June 29, 2015. Title I of TDA 2000 provides for duty- and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. Section 112(b)(3) of TDA 2000 provides duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel articles wholly assembled in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from fabric wholly formed in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from yarn originating in the United States or one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. This preferential treatment is also available for apparel articles assembled in one or more lesser-developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries, regardless of the country of origin of the fabric used to make such articles, subject to quantitative limitation. Public Law 114–27 extended this special rule for lesser-developed countries through September 30, 2025.

The AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 provides that the quantitative limitation for the twelve-month period beginning October 1, 2019 will be an amount not to exceed 7 percent of the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period for which data are available. See Section 112(b)(3)(A)(ii)(I) of TDA 2000, as amended by Section 7(b)(2)(B) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004. Of this overall amount, apparel imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries is limited to an amount not to exceed 3.5 percent of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period. See Section 112(b)(3)(B)(ii)(II) of TDA 2000, as amended by Section 6002(a)(3) of TRHCA 2006. The Annex to Presidential Proclamation 7350 of October 2, 2000 directed CITA to publish the aggregate quantity of imports allowed during each 12-month period in the Federal Register.

For the one-year period, beginning on October 1, 2019, and extending through September 30, 2020, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under these provisions is 2,146,573,294 square meters equivalent. Of this amount, 1,073,286,647 square meters equivalent is available to apparel articles imported under the special rule for lesser-developed countries. Apparel articles entered in excess of these quantities will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs.

These quantities are calculated using the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States, derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC.

Lloyd Wood,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

Supervisory Highlights, Issue 19 (Summer 2019)

AGENCY: Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection.

ACTION: Supervisory highlights.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Bureau) is issuing its nineteenth edition of its Supervisory Highlights. In this issue of Supervisory Highlights, we report examination findings in the areas of automobile loan origination, credit card account management, debt collection, furnishing, and mortgage origination that were generally completed between December 2018 and March 2019 (unless otherwise stated). The report does not impose any new or different legal requirements, and all violations described in the report are based only on those specific facts and circumstances noted during those examinations.

DATES: The Bureau released this edition of the Supervisory Highlights on its website on September 13, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaclyn Sellers, Attorney-Advisor, at (202) 435–7449. If you require this document in an alternative electronic format, please contact CFPB‐Accessibility@cfpb.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Introduction

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau is committed to a consumer financial marketplace that is free, innovative, competitive, and transparent, where the rights of all parties are protected by the rule of law, and where consumers are free to choose the products and services that best fit their individual needs. To effectively accomplish this, the Bureau remains committed to sharing with the public key findings from its supervisory work to help industry limit risks to consumers and comply with Federal consumer financial law.