

section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) are not applicable because this rulemaking does not contain provisions which involve the use of technical standards.

N. Paperwork Reduction Act: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3549) requires that the Office consider the impact of paperwork and other information collection burdens imposed on the public. This proposed rulemaking does not involve an information collection requirement that is subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501–3549). This rulemaking does not add any additional information requirements or fees for parties before the Board.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to, a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 42

Administrative practice and procedure, Inventions and patents, Lawyers.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, the Office proposes to amend part 42 of title 37 as follows:

PART 42—TRIAL PRACTICE BEFORE THE PATENT TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

■ 1. The authority citation for 37 CFR part 42 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2), 6, 21, 23, 41, 135, 311, 312, 316, and 321–326; Pub. L. 112–29, 125 Stat. 284; and Pub. L. 112–274, 126 Stat. 2456.

■ 2. Amend § 42.121 by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 42.121 Amendment of the patent.

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(d) *Burden of Persuasion.* On a motion to amend:

(1) A patent owner bears the burden of persuasion to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the motion to amend complies with the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (3) of 35 U.S.C. 316(d), as well as paragraphs (a)(2), (3), (b)(1), and (2) of this section;

(2) A petitioner bears the burden of persuasion to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that any proposed substitute claims are unpatentable; and

(3) Irrespective of paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) of this section, the Board may, in the interests of justice, exercise its discretion to grant or deny a motion to amend for any reason supported by the evidence of record.

■ 3. Amend § 42.221 by adding paragraph (d) to read as follows:

§ 42.221 Amendment of the patent.

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(d) *Burden of Persuasion.* On a motion to amend:

(1) A patent owner bears the burden of persuasion to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the motion to amend complies with the requirements of paragraphs (1) and (3) of 35 U.S.C. 326(d), as well as paragraphs (a)(2), (3), (b)(1), and (2) of this section;

(2) A petitioner bears the burden of persuasion to show, by a preponderance of the evidence, that any proposed substitute claims are unpatentable; and

(3) Irrespective of paragraphs (d)(1) and (2) of this section, the Board may, in the interests of justice, exercise its discretion to grant or deny a motion to amend for any reason supported by the evidence of record.

Dated: October 10, 2019.

Andrei Iancu,

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

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 20

International Mailing Services: Proposed Product and Price Changes—CPI

AGENCY: Postal Service™.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Postal Service proposes to revise *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®), to reflect changes coincident with recently announced mailing services price adjustment.

DATES: We must receive your comments on or before November 21, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Mail or deliver comments to the manager, Product Classification, U.S. Postal Service®, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, RM 4446, Washington, DC 20260–5015. You may inspect and photocopy all written comments at USPS® Headquarters Library, 475 L'Enfant

Plaza SW, 11th Floor N, Washington, DC by appointment only between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday by calling 1–202–268–2906 in advance. Email comments, containing the name and address of the commenter, to: *ProductClassification@usps.gov*, with a subject line of “January 2020 International Mailing Services Price Change—CPI.” Faxed comments are not accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Lassiter at 202–268–2914.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

International Price and Service Adjustments

On October 9, 2019, the Postal Service filed a notice of mailing services price adjustments with the Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC), effective on January 26, 2020. The Postal Service proposes to revise Notice 123, *Price List*, available on Postal Explorer® at <https://pe.usps.com>, to reflect these new price changes. The new prices are or will be available under Docket Number R2020–1 on the Postal Regulatory Commission's website at www.prc.gov.

Over the course of time, country names have changed due to a variety of political or cultural reasons. By notice filed on October 9, 2019, in PRC Docket No. MC2020–7, and in collaboration with International Postal Affairs and requests made through the Universal Postal Union, the Postal Service proposed to update country names throughout mailing standards, changing Republic of Macedonia to Republic of North Macedonia and using the short name North Macedonia. This proposed rule seeks public comment on proposed updates to the IMM that are designed to implement this name change.

This proposed rule also describes the price and classification changes and the corresponding mailing standards changes for the following market dominant international services:

- First-Class Mail International® service
- International extra services and fees.

First-Class Mail International

The Postal Service plans to increase prices for single-piece First-Class Mail International (FCMI) letters, postcards, and flats by approximately 4.6 percent. The price for a single-piece 1-ounce letter will increase to \$1.20. The First-Class Mail International letter nonmachinable surcharge remains \$0.21.

International Extra Services and Fees
The Postal Service plans to increase fees for certain market dominant international extra services including:

- Certificate of Mailing.
- Return Receipt.
- Customs Clearance and Delivery Fee.

- International Business Reply™ Mail Service.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

| | Fee |
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| Individual pieces: | |
| Individual article (PS Form 3817) | \$1.50 |
| Duplicate copy of PS Form 3817 or PS Form 3665 (per page) | 1.50 |
| Firm mailing sheet (PS Form 3665), per piece (minimum 3); First-Class Mail International only | 0.43 |
| Bulk quantities: | |
| For first 1,000 pieces (or fraction thereof) | 8.75 |
| Each additional 1,000 pieces (or fraction thereof) | 1.09 |
| Duplicate copy of PS Form 3606 | 1.50 |

Return Receipt

Fee: \$4.15.

Customs Clearance and Delivery

Fee: per piece \$6.50.

International Business Reply Service

Fee: Cards \$1.50; Envelopes up to 2 ounces \$2.00.

Following the completion of Docket No. R2020-1, the Postal Service will adjust the prices for products and services covered by the International Mail Manual. These prices will be available on Postal Explorer at <https://pe.usps.com>.

Accordingly, although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553(b), (c)) regarding proposed rulemaking by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comment on the following proposed changes to *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM®), which is incorporated by reference in the *Code of Federal Regulations* in accordance with 39 CFR 20.1, and to associated changes to Notice 123, *Price List*.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 20

Foreign relations, International postal services.

Accordingly, 39 CFR part 20 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 20—[AMENDED]

■ 1. The authority citation for 39 CFR part 20 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 13 U.S.C. 301-307; 18 U.S.C. 1692-1737; 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 407, 414, 416, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 3622, 3626, 3632, 3633, and 5001.

■ 2. Revise the *Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service*, International Mail Manual (IMM), as follows:

Mailing Standards of the United States Postal Service, International Mail Manual (IMM)

[Throughout the IMM, change all references to “Macedonia, Republic of” to “North Macedonia, Republic of” or use the short name “North Macedonia” and place in correct alphabetical order in lists]

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New prices will be listed in the updated Notice 123, Price List

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0171; FRL-10000-73-Region 4]

Air Plan Approval; Tennessee: Knox County Miscellaneous Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve several Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), on behalf of Knox County’s Air Quality Management Division by a letter dated May 24, 2018. The submissions revise four sections of Knox County’s Air Quality Management Regulations covering definitions, opening burning, permits and emissions reporting requirements. These actions are being proposed pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA or Act).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 21, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OAR-2019-0171 at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In letter dated May 24, 2018, TDEC submitted SIP revision to EPA for approval into the Knox County portion