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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Responses to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comment on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 29, 2020 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

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

Title: Responses to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0050.

Form Number(s):

- PTO-1957 (Response to Office Action)
- PTO-1960 (Request for Reconsideration After Final Office Action)
- PTO-1966 (Voluntary Amendment Not in Response to USPTO Office Action/Letter)
- PTO-1771 (Post-Approval/Publication/Post-Notice of Allowance (NOA) Amendment)
- PTO-1771 (Petition to Amend Basis Post-Publication)
- PTO-1822 (Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension)

Type of Review: Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

Number of Respondents: 393,657 respondents.

Average Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates 393,665 responses and

that it will take the public between 15 minutes to 40 minutes to complete this information collection, depending on the complexity of the submission. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate documents, and submit the completed items to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 253,058 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-Hour Cost Burden: \$101,223,200.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademark and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use such marks, or intend to use such marks, in interstate commerce may file an application to register their marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The USPTO also administers the Trademark Act through Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These regulations allow the USPTO to request and receive information required to process applications and allows applicants to submit certain amendments to their applications. This information collection includes information that was not submitted with the initial application and is needed by the USPTO to review applications for trademark registration.

In some cases, the USPTO issues Office Actions to applicants who have applied to register a mark, requesting information that was not provided with the initial submission, but is required before the issuance of a registration. Also, the USPTO may determine that a mark is not entitled to registration, pursuant to one or more provisions of the Trademark Act. In such cases, the USPTO will issue an Office Action advising the applicant of the refusal to register the mark. Applicants reply to these Office Actions by providing the required information and/or by putting forth legal arguments as to why the refusal of registration should be withdrawn.

Applicants may also supplement their applications and provide further information by filing a Voluntary Amendment Not in Response to USPTO Office Action/Letter, a Request for Reconsideration after Final Office Action, a Post-Approval/Publication/Post-Notice of Allowance (NOA) Amendment, a Petition to Amend Basis Post-Publication, or a Response to Suspension Inquiry or Letter of Suspension. In rare instances, an applicant may also submit a Substitute

Trademark/Service mark, Substitute Certification Mark, Substitute Collective Membership Mark, or Substitute Collective Trademark/Service mark application.

Affected Public: Private Sector; individuals and households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number 0651-0050.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0050 information request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Request for Nominations for a Subcommittee Under the Agricultural Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is requesting nominations for membership on the Subcommittee to Evaluate Commission Policy with Respect to Implementation of Amendments to Enumerated Agricultural Futures Contracts with Open Interest (Subcommittee) under the Agricultural Advisory Committee

(AAC). The AAC is a discretionary advisory committee established by the Commission in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

DATES: The deadline for the submission of nominations is October 29, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be emailed to AAC@cftc.gov or sent by post to Summer Mersinger, AAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Please use the title "AAC Subcommittee" for any nominations you submit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Summer Mersinger, AAC Designated Federal Officer at (202) 418-6074 or email: AAC@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Subcommittee was established to provide a report to the AAC that will make recommendations to the Commission on policy related to its evaluation of implementation plans for amendments to agricultural futures contracts with open interest. Within this charge, the Subcommittee may consider, but is not limited to, the following issues and topics:

- The Commodity Exchange Act, regulations, and guidance pertaining to Designated Contract Market (DCM) requests for Commission approval of amendments to enumerated agricultural futures contracts with open interest;
- Recent history of Commission-approved amendments to futures contracts, including the term or condition amended, ability of that term or condition to impact the economic value of futures positions, rationale provided by the DCM, date announced, and date implemented;
- Terms and conditions that could impact the economic value of futures positions, what the Commission should consider in terms of evaluating the implementation plans for those amendments, and whether there could be best practices developed for implementation of any amendments to those terms or conditions; and
- Appropriate methods to make market participants and the public aware of the potential for an enumerated agricultural futures contract with open interest to be amended.

The Subcommittee will provide its report directly to the AAC and will not provide reports and/or recommendations directly to the Commission. The Subcommittee has no authority to make decisions on behalf of the AAC, and no determination of fact or policy will be made by the Subcommittee on behalf of the Commission.

Subcommittee members will generally serve as representatives and provide advice reflecting the views of stakeholder organizations and entities throughout the derivatives and financial markets. The Subcommittee may also include regular government employees when doing so furthers its purpose. It is anticipated that the Subcommittee will hold at least three in-person or telephonic meetings. Subcommittee members serve at the pleasure of the Commission. Subcommittee members do not receive compensation or honoraria for their services, and they are not reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses.

The Subcommittee members will include individuals who are members of the AAC and/or other individuals. For these other individuals who are not serving on the AAC currently, the Commission seeks nominations of individuals from a wide range of perspectives, including from industry, academia, the government, and public interest. To advise the AAC effectively, Subcommittee members must have a high level of expertise and experience with: Hedging practices in the agricultural sector and/or trading in agricultural futures contracts, including a familiarity with the terms and conditions of agricultural futures contracts; the Commodity Exchange Act, Commission regulations, and guidance thereunder. To the extent practicable, the Commission will strive to select members reflecting wide ethnic, racial, gender, and age representation.

The Commission invites the submission of nominations for Subcommittee membership. Each nomination submission should include the proposed member's name, title, organization affiliation and address, email address and telephone number, as well as information that supports the individual's qualifications to serve on the Subcommittee. The submission should also include the name, email address, and telephone number of the person nominating the proposed Subcommittee member. Self-nominations are acceptable.

Submission of a nomination is not a guarantee of selection as a member of the Subcommittee. As noted in the AAC's Membership Balance Plan, the Commission seeks to ensure that the membership of a subcommittee is balanced relative to the particular issues addressed by the subcommittee in question. The AAC Sponsor, with the assistance of the AAC Designated Federal Officer (DFO), identifies candidates for Subcommittee membership. Following the identification, the candidates who are

not already serving on the AAC are submitted by the DFO to appropriate CFTC Staff for review and then to the Commission for approval.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. II)

Dated: September 23, 2020.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of a New System of Records.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") is establishing CFTC-54, Ensuring Workplace Health and Safety in Response to a Public Health Emergency, a system of records under the Privacy Act of 1974. This system of records maintains information collected in response to a public health emergency, such as a pandemic or epidemic, from CFTC staff (including political appointees, employees, detailees, contractors, consultants, interns, and volunteers) and visitors to CFTC facilities that is necessary to ensure a safe and healthy work environment.

DATES: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(e)(4) and (11), this System of Records will go in to effect without further notice on September 29, 2020 unless otherwise revised pursuant to comments received. New routine uses will go in to effect on October 29, 2020. Comments must be received on or before October 29, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified as pertaining to "Ensuring Workplace Health and Safety in Response to a Public Health Emergency" by any of the following methods:

- *CFTC Website:* <https://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Comments Online process on the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail, above.