771(9)(C) of the Act, as a manufacturer of a domestic like product in the United States. On June 8, 2021, US Magnesium timely filed its substantive response within the 30-day deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.218(d)(3)(i). Commerce received no substantive responses from any other interested parties with respect to the Order covered by this sunset review, nor was a hearing requested. On July 22, 2021, Commerce notified the U.S. International Trade Commission that it did not receive an adequate substantive response from respondent interested parties. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(3)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C)(2), Commerce is conducting an expedited (120-day) sunset review of the Order.

Scope of the Order

The product covered by the Order is magnesium metal from China, which includes primary and secondary alloy magnesium metal, regardless of chemistry, raw material source, form, shape, or size. For a full description of the scope, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in this review are addressed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum. The issues discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of dumping and the magnitude of the margins of dumping likely to prevail if the Order were revoked. The Issues and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file electronically via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at https://access.trade.gov. A list of topics discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is included as an appendix to this notice. In addition, a complete version of the Issues and Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly at http://enforcement.trade.gov/frn/index.html.

Final Results of Review

Pursuant to sections 751(c)(1) and 752(c)(1) and (3) of the Act, Commerce determines that revocation of the Order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping, and that the magnitude of the dumping margins likely to prevail would be weighted-average margins of up to 141.49 percent.

Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a). Timely notification of the destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective orders is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

Notifications to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing these final results in accordance with sections 751(c), 752(c), and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(5)(ii).


Christian Marsh,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

I. Summary
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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; Trademark Petitions

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget 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 May 3, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.


Title: Trademark Petitions.

OMB Control Number: 0651–0061.

Forms Numbers:

• PTO 2303 (Letter of Protest)
• PTO 2304 (Request to Make Special)
• PTO 2305 (Response to Petition to Director Inquiry Letter)
• PTO 2306 (Petition to Make Special)
• PTO 2307 (Request to Restore Filing Date)
• PTO 2308 (Request for Reinstatement)

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 6,221 respondents per year.

Estimated Number of Responses: 6,221 responses per year.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes the public between 40 minutes (0.67 hours) to 75 minutes (1.25 hours), depending on the complexity of the situation, to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate documents, and submit the information to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 6,953 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: $393,875.

Needs and Uses: The public uses this information collection for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. The USPTO uses the information described in this information collection to process letters of protest, requests to make special, responses to petition inquiry letters, petitions to make special, requests to restore a filing date, and requests for reinstatement. Information relating to the registration of a trademark is made publicly available by the USPTO. The release of information in a letter of protest is controlled and may be available upon request only.

Affected Public: Private sector; individuals or 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 0651–0061.

Further information can be obtained by:
- Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651–0061 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.

Kimberly Hardy,
Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCER

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO–P–2021–0042]

Extension of the Motion To Amend Pilot Program in Trial Proceedings Under the America Invents Act Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is extending the Motion To Amend (MTA) Pilot Program, which was initiated on March 15, 2019, and provides additional options for a patent owner who files an MTA before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (PTAB). In particular, the MTA Pilot Program provides a patent owner who files an MTA with options to request preliminary guidance from the PTAB on the MTA and to file a revised MTA. The program also provides timelines for briefing to accommodate these options.

DATES: Effective Date: September 16, 2021. Duration: The MTA Pilot Program will run until September 16, 2022. The USPTO may extend the MTA Pilot Program (with or without modification) on either a temporary or a permanent basis, or may discontinue the program after that date.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A patent owner in an America Invents Act (AIA) trial proceeding may file an MTA as a matter of right. See 35 U.S.C. 316(d)(1), 326(d)(1). After receiving feedback from the public about the PTAB’s MTA practice, including some concerns regarding the grant rate of claim amendments in AIA trial proceedings, in October 2018 the USPTO published a Request for Comments in the Federal Register seeking written public comments on a proposed amendment process in AIA trials that would involve preliminary guidance from the PTAB on the merits of an MTA and an opportunity for a patent owner to file a revised MTA (Request for Comments on Motion To Amend Practice and Procedures in Trial Proceedings Under the America Invents Act Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 83 FR 54319 (Oct. 29, 2018)). The majority of comments supported the PTAB issuing a preliminary decision in cases involving an MTA, and commenters were almost evenly mixed in supporting or opposing a revised MTA. On March 15, 2019, in response to the stakeholder comments received, the USPTO issued a notice detailing the MTA Pilot Program (Notice Regarding a New Pilot Program Concerning Motion To Amend Practice and Procedures in Trial Proceedings Under the America Invents Act Before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board, 84 FR 9497 (Mar. 15, 2019)).

The MTA Pilot Program provides a patent owner with two options not previously available: (1) A patent owner may choose to receive preliminary guidance from the PTAB on its MTA, and/or (2) A patent owner may choose to file a revised MTA after receiving the petitioner’s opposition to the original MTA and/or after receiving the PTAB’s preliminary guidance (if requested). If a patent owner does not elect either the option to receive preliminary guidance or the option to file a revised MTA, AIA trial practice, including MTA practice, is essentially unchanged from the practice prior to the MTA Pilot Program. The USPTO has presented preliminary results of the MTA Pilot Program and continues to track data related to MTAs. The most recent information and statistics related to MTAs are available on the USPTO’s website at www.uspto.gov/patents/ptab/motions-amend-study.

Based on the preliminary results of the MTA Pilot Program, the USPTO has decided to extend it. The program is hereby extended through September 16, 2022. The USPTO may extend the MTA Pilot Program (with or without modification) on either a temporary or a permanent basis, or may discontinue the program after that date.

The requirements for the MTA Pilot Program remain as set forth in the original notice, without modification at this time.

Andrew Hirshfeld,
Commissioner for Patents, 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD–2021–OS–0097]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 15, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods: