

- A request for renewal is received no later than 60 days prior to the needed renewal IHA effective date (recognizing that the renewal IHA expiration date cannot extend beyond one year from expiration of the initial IHA).

- The request for renewal must include the following:

(1) An explanation that the activities to be conducted under the requested renewal IHA are identical to the activities analyzed under the initial IHA, are a subset of the activities, or include changes so minor (*e.g.*, reduction in pile size) that the changes do not affect the previous analyses, mitigation and monitoring requirements, or take estimates (with the exception of reducing the type or amount of take).

(2) A preliminary monitoring report showing the results of the required monitoring to date and an explanation showing that the monitoring results do not indicate impacts of a scale or nature not previously analyzed or authorized.

Upon review of the request for renewal, the status of the affected species or stocks, and any other pertinent information, NMFS determines that there are no more than minor changes in the activities, the mitigation and monitoring measures will remain the same and appropriate, and the findings in the initial IHA remain valid.

Dated: December 13, 2021.

**Kimberly Damon-Randall,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2021-0016]

#### New Implementation Date for Voluntary Continuing Legal Education Certification

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

**ACTION:** Notice of delay in implementation date.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is delaying indefinitely the implementation of the voluntary continuing legal education (CLE) certification. The USPTO anticipates providing at least 120 days' notice prior to any implementation of the voluntary CLE certification.

**DATES:** *Delay of Implementation Date:* The USPTO is delaying implementation of the voluntary certification of CLE indefinitely.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Will Covey, Deputy General Counsel and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline (OED), at 571-272-4097. Please direct media inquiries to the USPTO's Office of the Chief Communications Officer at 571-272-8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 3, 2020, the USPTO issued a final rule, Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020, 85 FR 46932 (Aug. 3, 2020). Under this rule registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters would be permitted to voluntarily certify to the OED Director their completion of 6 credits of CLE in the preceding 24 months (including 5 hours of CLE in patent law and practice and 1 hour of CLE in ethics). 37 CFR 11.11(a)(3)(i). The 2020 final fee rule also provided that the OED Director may recognize practitioners who certify their completion of CLE in the online register of practitioners. 37 CFR 11.11(a)(1).

On October 9, 2020, the USPTO published proposed CLE guidelines with a request for comments in the **Federal Register**, seeking public input on those guidelines. 85 FR 64128. The request for comments closed on January 7, 2021. The USPTO received 26 comments addressing both the proposed CLE guidelines and the provisions of the final patent fee rule that establish the biennial electronic registration statement.

On June 10, 2021, the USPTO issued a **Federal Register** Notice announcing that the voluntary CLE certification would commence in the spring of 2022 but that implementation of the biennial electronic registration statement would be delayed until November 1, 2024. 86 FR 30920.

At this time, based on operational priorities, implementation of the voluntary CLE certification will be delayed indefinitely. The expected implementation date for the biennial electronic registration statement remains November 1, 2024.

The USPTO will provide at least 120 days' notice prior to the implementation of the voluntary CLE certification. In addition, the USPTO will issue final CLE guidelines and specific instructions

for making the certification prior to any implementation date.

**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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## BUREAU OF CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION

[Docket No. CFPB-2021-0021]

### 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's (OMB's) approval for an existing information collection titled "Electronic Fund Transfer Act (Regulation E)."

**DATES:** Written comments are encouraged and must be received on or before February 14, 2022 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:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [PRA\\_Comments@cfpb.gov](mailto:PRA_Comments@cfpb.gov). Include Docket No. CFPB-2021-0021 in the subject line of the email.

- *Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Comment intake, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection (Attention: PRA Office), 1700 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20552. Please note that due to circumstances associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Bureau discourages the submission of comments by mail, hand delivery, or courier. 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