

(ESA), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as well as a variety of state statutes. The confidentiality of the data will be protected as required by the MSA, Section 402(b).

This collection will be revised as follows. First is the expansion of observers to include an additional fishery. The Southeast region will begin sending observers out on Southeast reef fish fishery trips and thus needs to add this fishery to this collection. Second, NOAA is combining the Southeast observer efforts into one program. The third change is the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program (WCGOP) would like to start collecting the names of crew members within their observer logbooks. The data will be recorded on paper, scanned in, and stored according to vessel name. This information will only be accessed if there is an enforcement issue. The final change is also within the West Coast Groundfish Observer Program. They have introduced a new phone app that captains are using to declare upcoming fishing trips and NMFS is using to let them know if they have been selected for observer coverage. Other observer programs are also working on converting to smart phone apps, but they have not yet been implemented.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*Legal Authority:* The *Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act* (MSA), the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA), Executive Order 12866 (E.O. 12866), and the *Marine Mammal Protection Act* (MMPA).

This information collection request may be viewed at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://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 collection or the OMB Control Number 0648–0593.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Commerce Department.*

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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; International Design Applications (Hague Agreement)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651–0075 International Design Applications (Hague Agreement). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before February 20, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651–0075 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information should be directed to Rafael Bacares, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450; by telephone at 571–272–3276; or by email at [Rafael.Bacares@uspto.gov](mailto:Rafael.Bacares@uspto.gov) with "0651–0075 comment" in the subject

line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The Patent Law Treaties Implementation Act of 2012<sup>1</sup> (PLTIA) amends the patent laws to implement the provisions of the Geneva Act of the Hague Agreement Concerning International Registration of Industrial Designs (hereinafter "Hague Agreement") in title 1, and the Patent Law Treaty<sup>2</sup> (PLT) in title 2. The Hague Agreement is an international agreement that enables an applicant to file a single international design application which may have the effect of an application for protection for the design(s) in countries and/or intergovernmental organizations that are Parties to the Hague Agreement (the "Contracting Parties") designated in the applications. The United States is a Contracting Party to the Hague Agreement, which took effect with respect to the United States on May 13, 2015. The Hague Agreement is administered by the International Bureau (IB) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) located in Geneva, Switzerland.

Under the Hague Agreement, U.S. applicants can file international design applications in English "indirectly" through the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), which will forward the applications to the IB or "directly" with the IB. An international design application is subject to the payment of three types of fees: (1) a basic fee, (2) a publication fee, and (3) in respect of each Contracting Party where protection is sought, either in a standard or an individual designation fee. All applications are subject to a three-level structure of standard fees, which reflects the level of examination carried out by the Office of a Contracting Party. Also, an additional fee is required where the application contains a description that exceeds 100 words. In addition, a transmittal fee is required for international design applications filed through an office of indirect filing. Thus, international design applications filed through the USPTO as an Office of indirect filing are subject to payment of a transmittal fee for processing and forwarding the international design applications to the IB. The fees required by the IB may be paid either directly to the IB or through the USPTO as an office of indirect filing

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.congress.gov/112/plaws/publ211/PLAW-112publ211.pdf>.

<sup>2</sup> <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/288773>.

in the amounts specified on the World Intellectual Property Organization website. If applicants want to pay the required fees through USPTO as an office of indirect filing, the fees must be paid no later than the date of payment of the transmittal fee. The fees will then be forwarded to the IB. The industrial design or designs will be eligible for protection in all the Contracting Parties designated by applicants.

The IB ascertains whether the international design application complies with formal requirements, registers the international design to the international register, and publishes the international registration in the International Designs Bulletin. The international registration contains all of the data of the international application, any reproduction of the international design, date of the international registration, number of the international registration, and the relevant class of the International Classification.

The IB will provide a copy of the publication of the international registration to each Contracting party designated by the application. A designated Contracting Party may perform a substantive examination of the design application. The USPTO will perform a substantive examination for patentability of the international design application, as in the case of regular U.S. design applications.

This information collection covers all the necessary information required for a international design application that is filed through the USPTO as an Office of indirect filing and those filed directly through the IB. The information in this

collection is used to register a design patent under the provisions of the Hague Agreement. The majority of the items are WIPO forms managed by the IB, but this information collection also includes two forms maintained by the USPTO.

**II. Method of Collection**

The items in this information collection can either be submitted electronically through the USPTO patents electronic filing system or mailed to the USPTO.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0075.  
*Forms:* WIPO DM = WIPO Dessins et Modeles (design representations); PTOL = Patent Trademark Office Legal

- PTO–1595: (Recordation Form Cover Sheet)
- PTOL–85 Part B (Hague): Fee(s) Transmittal
- WIPO DM/1 (E): Application for International Registration
- WIPO DM/1/I (E): (Annex I: Oath or Declaration of the Creator under Rule 8(1)(a)(ii) of the Common Regulations)
- WIPO DM/1/III (E): (Annex III: Information On Eligibility For Protection under Rule 7(5)(g) and Section 408(d) of the Administrative Instructions)
- WIPO DM/1/IV (E): (Annex IV: Reduction of United States Individual Designation Fee under Section 408(b) of the Administrative Instructions)
- WIPO DM/1/V (E): (Annex V: Supporting Document(s) Concerning Priority Claim under Article 4 of the Paris Convention—Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO))

- WIPO DM/7 (E): Appointment of a Representative

Two forms listed above have received OMB approval and clearance through other USPTO information collections. While these forms are used by this information collection, they are routinely approved as part of the other information collections. These forms are:

- PTO–1595—approved through USPTO information collection 0651–0027 (Recording Assignments).

- PTOL–85 Part B (Hague)—approved through USPTO information collection 0651–0033 (Post Allowance and Refiling).

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

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

*Respondent’s Obligation:* Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 1,231 respondents.

*Estimated Number of Annual Responses:* 1,231 responses.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately between 15 minutes (0.25 hours) and 6 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 2,052 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden:* \$917,244.

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate <sup>3</sup> (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Application for International Registration (WIPO DM/1 (E) and PTO–1595).	155	1	155	6	930	\$447	\$415,710
2	Claim and Reproductions (Drawings).	155	1	155	4	620	447	277,140
3	Transmittal Letter	5	1	5	2	10	447	4,470
4	Appointment of a Representative (WIPO DM/7) filed indirectly through the USPTO.	62	1	62	0.25 (15 minutes).	16	447	7,152
5	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit.	3	1	3	4	12	447	5,364
6	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16.	3	1	3	4	12	447	5,364
7	Petition to Review a Filing Date.	3	1	3	4	12	447	5,364
8	Fee Authorization	11	1	11	0.25 (15 minutes).	3	447	1,341

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS—Continued

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate <sup>3</sup> (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
9	Petitions to the Commissioner.	5	1	5	4	20	447	8,940
10	Oath or Declaration of the Creator under Rule 8(1)(a)(ii) of the Common Regulations (WIPO DM/1/I (E)) (Declaration of Inventorship for the Designation of the United States of America) filed indirectly through the USPTO.	31	1	31	0.50 (30 minutes).	16	447	7,152
11	Oath or Declaration of the Creator under Rule 8(1)(a)(ii) of the Common Regulations (WIPO DM/1/I (E)) (Substitute Statement in Lieu of a Declaration of Inventorship for the Designating the United States of America) filed indirectly through the USPTO.	2	1	2	0.50 (30 minutes).	1	447	447
12	Information On Eligibility For Protection (WIPO DM/1/III (E)) filed indirectly through the USPTO.	3	1	3	1	3	447	1,341
13	Reduction of United States Individual Designation Fee under Section 408(b) of the Administrative Instructions (WIPO DM/1/IV (E)) filed indirectly through the USPTO.	8	1	8	0.50 (30 minutes).	4	447	1,788
14	Supporting Document(s) Concerning Priority Claim under Article 4 of the Paris Convention—Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO) (WIPO DM/1/V (E)) filed indirectly through the USPTO.	5	1	5	0.50 (30 minutes).	3	447	1,341
15	Fee(s) Transmittal to USPTO for an International Design Application (PTOL-85 Part B (Hague)).	780	1	780	0.50 (30 minutes).	390	447	174,330
Totals		1,231		1,231		2,052		917,244

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$3,708,240.*

There are no capital start-up, maintenance, or record-keeping costs associated with this information collection. However, the USPTO

estimates that the total annual (non-hour) cost burden for this collection is \$3,708,240, which includes \$3,398,121 in filing fees, \$310,000 in drawing costs, and \$119 in postage costs.

*Filing Fees*

The filing fees associated with this information collection are listed in the table below.

<sup>3</sup> 2023 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law

Association (AIPLA); pg. F-41. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property work in all firms which is \$447 per hour (<https://>

[www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey](http://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey)).

TABLE 2—FILING FEES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (yr) (a) × (b) = (c)
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Average Fee per registration to WIPO (USPTO collects and transmits it to WIPO).	157	\$2,131	\$334,567
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (undiscounted entity).	10	960	9,600
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (small entity).	11	480	5,280
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (collecting for WIPO) (micro entity).	6	240	1,440
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration submitted to WIPO—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (Transmitting to the USPTO by WIPO) (undiscounted entity).	1,651	960	1,584,960
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration submitted to WIPO—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (Transmitting to the USPTO by WIPO) (small entity).	527	480	252,960
1	WIPO	Application for International Registration submitted to WIPO—Designation Fee (first part) for the U.S. (Transmitting to the USPTO by WIPO) (micro entity).	138	240	33,120
1	1781	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (undiscounted entity).	62	120	7,440
1	2781	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (small entity).	85	48	4,080
1	3781	Application for International Registration (electronic)—Transmittal Fee (set by and collected by USPTO) (micro entity).	18	24	432
5	1784	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (undiscounted entity)	1	2,100	2,100
5	2784	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (small entity)	1	840	840
5	3784	Petition to Excuse a Failure to Comply with a Time Limit (micro entity)	1	420	420
6	1783	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16 (undiscounted entity).	1	180	180
6	2783	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16 (small entity).	1	72	72
6	3783	Petition to Convert to a Design Application under 35 U.S.C. Chapter 16 (micro entity).	1	36	36
7	1462	Petition to Review a Filing Date (undiscounted entity)	1	420	420
7	2462	Petition to Review a Filing Date (small entity)	1	168	168
7	3462	Petition to Review a Filing Date (micro entity)	1	84	84
9	1462	Petitions to Commissioner (undiscounted entity)	1	420	420
9	2462	Petitions to Commissioner (small entity)	2	168	336
9	3462	Petitions to Commissioner (micro entity)	1	84	84
15	1509	Issue Fee Transmittal to USPTO for an International Design Application (undiscounted entity).	972	740	719,280
15	2509	Issue Fee Transmittal to USPTO for an International Design Application (small entity).	247	296	73,112
15	3509	Issue Fee Transmittal to USPTO for an International Design Application (micro entity).	30	148	4,440
15	WIPO	Application for International Registration submitted to WIPO—Issue Fee (Second part) for the U.S. (Transmitting to the USPTO by WIPO) (undiscounted entity).	420	700	294,000
15	WIPO	Application for International Registration submitted to WIPO—Issue Fee (Second part) for the U.S. (Transmitting to the USPTO by WIPO) (small entity).	155	350	54,250
15	WIPO	Application for International Registration submitted to WIPO—Issue Fee (Second part) for the U.S. (Transmitting to the USPTO by WIPO) (micro-entity).	80	175	14,000
Totals			4,582		\$3,398,121

*Drawing Costs*

The USPTO estimates that the costs to produce design drawings can range from \$50 to \$350 per sheet. Taking the average of this range, the USPTO estimates that it can cost \$200 per sheet to produce design drawings. On average, 10 sheets of drawings are submitted for an application resulting in an average cost of \$2,000 to produce the design drawings. The USPTO estimates that 155 respondents will file international design applications. Overall, the costs associated with submitting these drawings are estimated to be \$310,000.

*Postage Costs*

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). The USPTO estimates that 1% of the 1,231 items in this information collection will be submitted by mail, resulting in 12 mailed items. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope, will be \$9.95. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection at \$119.

**IV. Request for Comments**

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

- (a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the

use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

**Justin Isaac,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

#### **Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement and Conduct Scoping Meeting for the Pier Wind Terminal Development Project at the Port of Long Beach, City of Long Beach and County of Los Angeles, California (SPL-2023-00720)**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to initiate the scoping process for preparation of a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Port of Long Beach (Port) Pier Wind Terminal Development Project.

**DATES:** Submit comments concerning this notice on or before February 6, 2024. An in-person public scoping meeting will be held on January 10, 2024, starting at 6 p.m. PST. An in-person open house will be held from 5–6 p.m. PST.

**ADDRESSES:** The public scoping meeting will be held in the Bob Foster Civic Chambers, adjacent to the Port of Long Beach Administration Building, in the Long Beach Civic Center at 411 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. The open house will be held at the Port of Long Beach Administration

Building, 415 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802. Email written comments concerning this notice to: Lisa Mangione, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division, *lisa.mangione@usace.army.mil*. Comment emails should include the commenter's email, the project title, and the USACE file number (SPL-2023-00720) in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Mangione, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Regulatory Division, (805) 585-2150, *lisa.mangione@usace.army.mil*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, the USACE is requiring the preparation of an EIS prior to making a permit decision for the proposed Project. The USACE may ultimately make a determination to permit or deny the proposed Project or a modified version of the proposed Project. The primary Federal concerns are dredging, dredged material disposal, addition of permanent structures in and over navigable waters of the U.S. and transport of dredged material for the purpose of ocean disposal.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Cal. Pub. Res. Code section 21000 *et seq.*, the City of Long Beach Harbor Department (Port of Long Beach or Port) will serve as the CEQA Lead Agency in preparing the EIR for its consideration of development approvals within its jurisdiction. The USACE and Port have agreed to jointly prepare a Draft EIS/EIR to optimize efficiency and avoid duplication. The Draft EIS/EIR is intended to be sufficient in scope to address the Federal, State, and local requirements and environmental issues concerning the proposed activities and permit approvals.

1. Project Site and Background Information. The proposed Project site is located in the Southwest Long Beach Harbor Planning District (District 6) in the Outer Harbor, south of the Navy Mole and West Basin, east of the Port of Los Angeles Pier 400, north of the Federal breakwater, and west of the Main Channel within the Port of Long Beach. The site is located in the City of Long Beach and County of Los Angeles and adjacent to the communities of San Pedro and Wilmington. The purpose of the proposed Project is to develop a terminal at the Port for receiving, staging, and storing wind turbine generator (WTG) components (tower sections, nacelles, and blades), and foundation sub-assemblies; performing

final assembly of floating foundations, and integrating WTG components with the floating foundation to create floating offshore wind (OSW) turbine systems (proposed Project). The proposed Project would enable the State of California and Federal Government to address the global climate crisis and decarbonization of energy resources by supporting the establishment of wind farms off the west coast shores of the United States.

2. Proposed Project. The Port, acting by and through its Board of Harbor Commissioners, proposes to construct a 400-acre terminal and 30-acre transportation corridor for receiving, staging, and storing wind turbine generator (WTG) components, and foundation sub-assemblies, performing final assembly of floating foundations, and integrating WTG components with the floating foundation to create floating offshore wind (OSW) turbine systems. The terminal and transportation corridor would be located in the Southwest Harbor Planning District (District 6) at the Port of Long Beach just south of the Navy Mole, east of Port of Los Angeles Pier 400, north of the Federal breakwater, and west of the Main Channel. The proposed Project would construct new land at the Port that would best meet the land requirements for waterfront facilities necessary for efficient staging, integration, floating foundation assembly, and maintenance of large floating OSW turbine systems as specified in the California State Lands Commission 2023 *AB 525 Port Readiness Plan*. In-water construction activities would include approximately 50 million cubic yards (CY) of dredging (for fill material and surcharge), construction of rock revetment dikes, and construction of a terminal wharf, sinking basin, wet storage areas, and concrete piers adjacent to the transportation corridor. Onshore construction would include grading and compaction, surfacing, transportation corridor improvements, and installation of utilities and signage. It is estimated that construction activities would start in 2027 and last a total of 9 years, construction completed in phases and operations starting in 2031. Overall construction is expected to be completed in 2035.

3. Proposed Federal Action. Because construction of the proposed Project would result in a discharge of dredged and/or fill material into waters of the United States, would place structures in navigable waters of the United States, or consist of work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States, and would transport dredged or fill material by