

(COOs) in the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Arkansas?

8. What else should the USPTO consider when determining the ideal locations for new Community Outreach Offices?

While the Office welcomes and values all comments from the public in response to this request, the comments submitted do not commit the Office to any further actions related to the comments, and the Office may not respond to any or every submitted comment. The Office nonetheless will consider all written submissions. Private information should not be included as there is no guarantee that it will not become public.

Any and all decisions made regarding the future locations of the COOs will be consistent with the criteria outlined in the UAIA and the goals and mission of the USPTO.

John A. Squires,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Post Allowance and Reissue

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: 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 comments on the information collection renewal of 0651-0033 (Post Allowance and Reissue), which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden on the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on October 23, 2025, during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 48505). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before March 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, <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 information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0033. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: This information collection request may be viewed at <http://www.reginfo.gov>. Follow the instructions to view the Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

- **Email:** InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0033 information request” in the subject line of the message.

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

- **Telephone:** Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, 571-272-7728.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Post Allowance and Reissue.
OMB Control Number: 0651-0033.

Abstract: This collection of information covers the submission of issue fee payments, requests for certificates of correction, and reissue applications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, allow applications and issue them as patents. When an application for a patent is allowed by the USPTO, the USPTO issues a notice of allowance and the applicant must pay the specified issue fee within three months to avoid abandonment of the application. If the appropriate fees are paid within the proper time period, the USPTO can then issue the patent. The rules outlining the procedure or payment of the issue fee and issuance of a patent are found at 37 CFR 1.18, 1.311, and 1.314.

This collection of information also covers several transactions that may be taken after issuance of a patent.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 254 and 255, a certificate of correction may be

requested to correct an error or errors of an issued patent. If the USPTO determines that the request should be approved, the USPTO will issue a certificate of correction.

For an original patent that is believed to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, the original patentee, or the current patent owner if there was been a subsequent assignment, may apply for the reissue of the patent. The reissue application process requires, among other items, provision of an oath or declaration specifically identifying at least one error being relied upon as the basis for reissue and stating the reason for the belief that the original patent is wholly or partly imperative or invalid (e.g., a defective specification or drawing, or claiming more or less than the patentee had the right to claim in the patent). The rules outlining reissue application procedures are found at 37 CFR 1.171-1.173 and 1.175-1.178.

The information in this information collection can be submitted using the USPTO patent electronic filing system (Patent Center) for patent applications and related documents.

Forms: (AIA = America Invents Act; SB = Specimen Book; PTOL = Patent Trademark Official Legal Forms)

- PTO/AIA/05 (Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor)
- PTO/AIA/06 (Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee)
- PTO/AIA/07 (Substitute Statement in Lieu of an Oath or Declaration for Reissue Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 115(d) and 37 CFR 1.64)

- PTO/AIA/50 (Reissue Patent Application Transmittal)
- PTO/AIA/53 (Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-Assignment)
- PTO/SB/44 (Certificate of Correction)
- PTO/SB/51 (Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor)
- PTO/SB/51S (Supplemental Declaration for Reissue Patent Application to Correct “Errors” Statement (37 CFR 1.175)
- PTO/SB/52 (Reissue Application Declaration by the Assignee)
- PTO/SB/53 (Reissue Application: Consent of Assignee; Statement of Non-Assignment)
- PTO/SB/56 (Reissue Application Fee Transmittal Form)
- PTOL-85 Part B (Fee(s) Transmittal)

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.

Frequency: On occasion.
Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 473,710 respondents.

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Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses in this information collection will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to 5.30 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 392,186 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$477,308,180. The postage costs have increased since the publication of the 60-day **Federal Register** notice, from \$10.40 to \$12.25 for the Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope used for mailed submissions. As a result, the estimated postage costs have increased from \$24,638 to \$29,020. This accounts for the additional \$4,382 to the estimated total annual non-hourly cost burden.

Justin Isaac,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (“PRA”), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (“ICR”) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (“OIRA”) of the Office of Management and Budget (“OMB”) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be submitted within 30 days of this notice’s publication to OIRA, at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Please find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the website’s search function. Comments can be entered electronically by clicking on the

“comment” button next to the information collection on the “OIRA Information Collections Under Review” page, or the “View ICR—Agency Submission” page. A copy of the supporting statement for the collection of information discussed herein may be obtained by visiting <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

In addition to the submission of comments to <https://Reginfo.gov> as indicated above, a copy of all comments submitted to OIRA may also be submitted to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (the “Commission” or “CFTC”) by clicking on the “Submit Comment” box next to the descriptive entry for OMB Control No. 3038–0055, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/FederalRegister/PublicInfo.aspx>.

Or by any of the following methods:

- **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.

All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://www.cftc.gov>. Comments submitted to the Commission should include only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (“FOIA”), a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission’s regulations.¹ The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under FOIA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dina Moussa, Special Counsel, (202) 418–5696 or dmoussa@cftc.gov; or Catherine Brescia, Attorney Advisor, (202) 418–6236 or cbrescia@cftc.gov, Market Participants Division, Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Privacy of Consumer Financial Information (OMB Control No. 3038–0055). This is a request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 124 of the Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000² amended the Commodity Exchange Act (the “Act”) and added a new Section 5g³ to the Act to (i) provide that futures commission merchants, commodity trading advisors, commodity pool operators, and introducing brokers that are subject to CFTC jurisdiction with respect to any financial activity shall be treated as a financial institution for purposes of Title V, Subtitle A of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act (“GLB Act”), (ii) treat the Commission as a Federal functional regulator for purposes of applying the provisions of the GLB Act, and (iii) direct the Commission to prescribe regulations under Title V of the GLB Act.

The Commission adopted regulations for these entities under Part 160 and later extended them to retail foreign exchange dealers, swap dealers, and major swap participants.⁴ Part 160 requires those subject to the regulations, among other things, to provide privacy and opt out notices to customers and consumers, and to adopt appropriate policies and procedures to safeguard customer records and information. In April 2019, the Commission adopted amendments to its regulations to provide an exception to its annual privacy notice requirement under certain conditions.⁵

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. On December 15, 2025, the Commission published in the **Federal Register** notice of the proposed extension of this information collection and provided 60 days for public comment on the proposed extension, 90 FR 57962 (“60-Day Notice”). The

² Section 124, Appendix E of Public Law 106–554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

³ 7 U.S.C. 7b–2.

⁴ 17 CFR part 160. See Privacy of Customer Information, 66 FR 21235 (Apr. 27, 2001); Regulation of Off-Exchange Retail Foreign Exchange Transactions and Intermediaries, 75 FR 55409 (Sep. 10, 2010); and Privacy of Consumer Financial Information: Conforming Amendments Under Dodd-Frank Act, 76 FR 43874 (Jul. 22, 2011).

⁵ Privacy of Consumer Financial Information—Amendment to Conform Regulations to the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, 84 FR 17341 (Apr. 25, 2019).

¹ 17 CFR 145.9.