

Dated: February 27, 1996.  
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### Post Allowance and Refiling

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information

collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, (703) 305-9285.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

This collection of information is required to administer the patent laws pursuant to Title 35 of the U.S. Code concerning the issuance of patents and related actions. The affected public includes any individual or institution whose application for a patent has been allowed or who takes action as covered by the applicable rules.

#### II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile and hand-carry when the inventor desires or is required to participate in the information collection.

#### III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0033.

Title of form	Form No.	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Request for filing patent application under 37 CFR 1.60/.62 .....	PTO/SB/3/14	.50	22,500	45,000
Issue Fee transmittal .....	PTOL-85b	.20	20,400	102,000
Certificate of correction .....	PTO/SB/44	1	3,000	3,000
Request for reexamination .....	PTO/SB/57	2	700	350
Reissue .....	PTO/SB/51-56	5	2,500	500

*Type of Review:* Regular.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other non-profit, institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 150,850.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 49,100 hours.  
*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$7,217,700/year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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### Patent Processing (Updating)

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 4, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, (703)305-9285.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

During the processing for an application for a patent, the applicant/agent may be required or desire to submit additional information to the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) concerning the examination of a specific application. The specific information required or which may be submitted: Information Disclosure Citations; Terminal Disclaimers; Petitions to Revoke; Express Abandonment; Appeal Notice; Small Entity; Petition for Access; Power to Inspect; Certificate of Mailing; Amendment Transmittal Letter; Deposit Account Order Form.

#### II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile and hand-carry when the inventor(s) desires or is required to participate in the information collection.

#### III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0031.

Title of form	Form No.	Estimated time for response (hours)	Est. annual burden hours	Est. annual responses
Information Disclosure (in Appl'n) .....	PTO/SB/08 ..	2.0	280,000	140,000
Information Disclosure (in patent) .....	PTO/SB/42 ..	2.0	2,000	1,000
Statutory 7,500 Disclaimers .....	PTO/SB/43 ..	.20	1,500	.....
Terminal Disclaimers .....	PTO/SB .....	.20	1,500	7,500
	25-26 .....	.....	.....	.....
	62-63 .....	.....	.....	.....
Extensions of Time .....	PTO/SB .....	.10	11,000	110,000
	22-23,32 .....	.....	.....	.....
Petitions to Revive .....	PTO/SB .....	1.0	4,000	4,000
	61, .....	.....	.....	.....
	61/PCT, .....	.....	.....	.....
	64, .....	.....	.....	.....
	64/PCT .....	.....	.....	.....
Express Abandonment .....	PTO/SB/24 ..	.20	800	4,000
Small Entity .....	PTO/SB .....	.30	18,000	60,000
	09-12 .....	.....	.....	.....
Petition for Access .....	PTO/SB/68 ..	.20	4	20
Power to Inspect/Copy .....	PTO/SB/67 ..	.20	4,000	10,000
Certificate of Mailing .....	PTO/SB .....	.10	300,000	30,000
	92-93 .....	.....	.....	.....
Amendment Transmittal Letter .....	PTO/SB/21 ..	.20	200,000	40,000
Deposit 100,000 .....	PTO/SB/91 ..	.20	20,000	.....

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other non-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 659,020.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 385,804 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost:* \$116,766,376/year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

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#### Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, (703) 305-9285.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Maintenance fees are required to maintain a patent in force under Title 35 of the U.S. Code. Payment of maintenance fees are required at 3½, 7½ and 11½ years after the grant of the patent. A patent number and serial number of the patent on which maintenance fees are paid are required

in order to insure proper crediting of such payments.

#### II. Method of collection

By mail, facsimile or hand-carry when the applicant or agent is to pay the maintenance fee required to maintain the benefit patent protection.

#### III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0016.

Form Number: PTO/SB/45.

Type of Review: Regular.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other non-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 104,569.

Estimated Time Per Response: .08 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,714 hours/year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$43,570/year.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.