

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) is required by 35 USC 41(I)(1) to maintain a Public Search Facility to provide patent and trademark collections for the public to search and retrieve information. The Public Search Facilities are maintained for public use with paper and automated search files and trained staff to assist searchers. The Public Search Facilities are available to everyone.

In order to maintain and control the patent and trademark collections so that the information is available to the public, the PTO issues Public User ID badges to users who wish to use the Public Search Facilities. For many years, the PTO issued paper User IDs, but the PTO is developing an electronic badging database for the issuance of plastic ID badges.

The new plastic ID badge will show a color photograph of the user, a bar-coded user number, and an expiration date. The new badging system will allow the PTO to electronically store the information, which can be updated periodically. The ID system (current and proposed) is designed to enable the PTO to (a) identify users of patent and trademark documents, (b) confine user access to public areas, (c) locate and control access to patent and trademark documents, and (d) identify users of PTO services.

The User badge enables the PTO to accurately track use of the documents and to identify any misusers of the search facilities. The PTO uses the ID badges to identify, counsel, and sanction users who destroy, misfile, or remove documents from its collections, or who mishandle its equipment. The Public User ID also grants to the public limited access to the non-public parts of the PTO, such as the Examiner's areas. Access to these areas requires that users wear a visible PTO employee ID, a contractor ID, or a Public User ID. (The proposed Public User ID badges will enable the PTO to immediately confirm a user's identity via an on-the-spot comparison with the badges' color photograph.)

For its ID system, the PTO collects the following mandatory identifying information: name and mailing address (as verified on a picture ID such as a driver's license), and signature. (The future system will require a digital photograph of users.) Optional information includes telephone number, PTO Attorney Registration Number, and company affiliations, if any.

II. Method of Collection

The written application for the Public User ID is completed on site and handed to a staff member to enter into the system.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Type of Review: Existing collection in use without OMB control number.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, farms, state, local or tribal governments, and the Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,713 respondents per year after the first year. For the first year, it is estimated that there will be 571 fewer respondents because the PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges the first year.

Estimated Time Per Response: Approximately five minutes to complete the application for a Public User ID and renew the Public User ID Badge, and approximately ten minutes to issue the Public User ID Badge.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 188 hours per year after the first year. For the first year, it is estimated that the burden will only be 141 hours because the PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges the first year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$14,714.76 per year after the first year. It is estimated that the annual respondent cost burden will be only \$11,036.07 for the first year because the PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges the first year. No capital expenditures are required—the estimate is for the time it takes for applicants to provide the information.

Title of form	Form number(s)	Estimated time for response (mins)	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Issue Public User ID Badge	No Forms Associated	10	94	571
Renew Public User ID Badge (subsequent years)	No Forms Associated	5	47	571
Application for Public User ID	New Form #####	5	47	571
Totals	188	1,713

Note: The total estimated annual burden hours and estimated annual responses shown in this table include the figures for renewing the Public User ID Badge. The PTO does not expect to renew any Public User ID Badges in the first year. The PTO estimates the annual burden hours for the first year without the renewals to be 141 and the estimated annual responses to be 1,142.

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 will 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, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: July 20, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense (Policy) for Policy Support.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Deputy to the USD(P) for Policy Support/Policy Automation Directorate announces the proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collections of information are 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 of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) 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 September 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 2000 Defense Pentagon, ATTN: Ronnie R. Larson, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address, or call the Policy Automation Directorate, Office of

the Deputy Under Secretary, at (703) 697-5495.

Title, Associated Forms and OMB Number: Request for Visit Authorization; DD Forms 1823 and 1823-C; OMB Number 0704-0221.

Needs and Uses: This information requirement is necessary for the Department of Defense to coordinate the approval/disapproval of requests from foreign countries and international organizations for their personnel to visit DoD activities on official business.

Affected Public: Individuals (representing foreign governments and international organizations).

Annual Burden Hours: 6,805.

Number of Respondents: 64.

Responses Per Respondent: 638.

Average Burden Per Response: 10 Minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

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Respondents are employees of foreign governments or international organizations requesting approval to visit Defense installations or Defense contractors on official business. The information collected provides the DoD approving authority with the data necessary to evaluate visit requests. It is also used to coordinate these visits and release information necessary to satisfy the visit purpose. Each request is limited to a visit to one location for multiple visitors on a specified subject. The visit request must be approved before the visitors are allowed to conduct business with their Defense counterparts. The transfer of this information and response has been automated and is currently 99 percent electronic from the point of origination

in foreign embassies to locations throughout DoD.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary**

[Transmittal No. 98-46]

36(B)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-46, with attached transmittal, policy justification and sensitivity of technology.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

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