

the USPTO estimates that it takes the public to gather, prepare, and submit a Request for Continued Examination. If the proposed rule to eliminate the Continued Prosecution Application in favor of the Request for Continued Examination for utility and plant applications is approved, fewer Continued Prosecution Applications will be submitted per year. The USPTO estimates that the elimination of the Continued Prosecution Applications in the case of utility and plant applications will decrease the burden associated with the continued examination of applications by 5,900 hours.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 37 CFR 1.16 through 1.84. An applicant must provide sufficient information to allow the USPTO to properly examine the application to determine whether it meets the requirements outlined in the patent statutes and regulations. The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 amended 35 U.S.C. 132 to provide that the USPTO may prescribe regulations for the continued examination of applications (for a fee) at the request of the applicant. As a result of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, the USPTO implemented a new practice called a Request for Continued Examination as an alternative to the existing Continued Prosecution Application practice. Applicants can request the continued examination of a previously submitted utility or plant application, instead of submitting a Continued Prosecution Application. The USPTO is proposing to eliminate the use of Continued Prosecution Applications in the case of utility and plant applications. Applicants will continue to use Continued Prosecution Applications to request additional examination of a previously submitted design application. The USPTO will continue to use the Continued Prosecution Applications to process and initiate the additional examination of a previously submitted design application.

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management,

United States Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Park 3, 3rd Floor, Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20231, by phone at (703) 308-7400, or via the Internet at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Processing (Updating) (Proposed Amendment to Requests for Continuing Examination and Forms for Reconstruction of Unlocatable Files, Request for Oral Appeal Hearing, and Request for Deferral of Examination).

Form Numbers: PTO/SB/08A/08B/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/30/31/35/36/42/43/61/ 61PCT/62/63/64/64PCT/67/68/91/92/96/97 and the proposed addition of PTO/SB/32/37 and PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, and PTO-2055-A/B.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 1,021,941 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,247,389 responses.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 12 minutes to gather information, prepare, and submit a Request for Continued Examination, a Request for an Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, or a Request for Deferral of Examination. The new forms associated with the reconstruction of unlocatable files will not affect the burden for this collection.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information supports a proposed rulemaking entitled "Elimination of Continued Prosecution Application Practice as to Utility and Plant Patent Applications," which will eliminate the Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) in favor of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice for utility and plant applications. The USPTO is retaining the current CPA practice for design applications only. Additionally, the USPTO is adding five new forms to this collection pertaining to the reconstruction of unlocatable patent and application files, the request for an oral hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and the request for deferral of examination of a non-reissue utility or plant application. The public uses the forms in this collection to request continued examination of a previously submitted application, to assist the USPTO in reconstructing a current copy of a missing patent or application file, to file a written request for an oral hearing "in a separate paper" before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and to request deferred examination of a patent application for up to three years from the earliest filing date for which a benefit is claimed. The USPTO uses the information collected from the public to process and initiate continued examination of a previously submitted application, to notify an applicant or patent owner that an application or patent file is unlocatable and to request a copy of the applicant's or patentee's record of the application or patent file, and to process and consider requests for oral hearings before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences and requests for deferral of examination.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

June 11, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for carryover, carryforward, swing, special shift, crochet adjustment and the recrediting of unused carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also

see 65 FR 69742, published on November 20, 2000.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 11, 2001.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 14, 2000, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on June 15, 2001, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
237	2,321,627 dozen.
331/631	8,211,812 dozen pairs.
333/334	367,932 dozen of which not more than 51,377 dozen shall be in Category 333.
335	225,387 dozen.
336	1,127,427 dozen.
338/339	3,208,213 dozen.
340/640	1,420,957 dozen.
341/641	1,134,850 dozen.
342/642	824,717 dozen.
345	267,433 dozen.
347/348	3,403,099 dozen.
350	177,594 dozen.
351/651	939,503 dozen.
352/652	3,647,511 dozen.
359-C/659-C ²	956,698 kilograms.
361	2,624,278 numbers.
369-S ³	898 kilograms.
431	197,705 dozen pairs.
433	3,930 dozen.
443	47,533 numbers.
445/446	35,628 dozen.
447	9,695 dozen.
611	2,019,565 square meters.
633	71,006 dozen.
634	750,301 dozen.
635	484,301 dozen.
636	2,144,167 dozen.
638/639	2,739,721 dozen.
643	593,986 numbers.
645/646	985,192 dozen.
647/648	1,788,768 dozen.
649	7,692,578 dozen.
650	163,250 dozen.
659-H ⁴	2,020,530 kilograms.
847	524,482 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Group II 200-227, 300-326, 332, 359-O ⁵ , 360, 362, 363, 369-O ⁶ , 400-414, 434- 438, 440, 442, 444, 448, 459pt. 7, 464, 469pt. 8, 600- 607, 613-629, 644, 659-O ⁹ , 666, 669-O ¹⁰ , 670- O ¹¹ , 831, 833- 838, 840-846, 850-858 and 859pt. ¹² , as a group.	254,572,161 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.

² Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

³ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁴ Category 659-H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

⁵ Category 359-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025, 6211.42.0010 (Category 359-C); and 6406.99.1550 (359pt.).

⁶ Category 369-O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369-S); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700 (Category 369pt.).

⁷ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

⁸ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁹ Category 659-O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659-C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659-H); 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540 (Category 659pt.).

¹⁰ Category 669-O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669-P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040 (Category 669pt.).