

area, several are listed as endangered under the ESA, including the humpback, sei, fin, blue, and sperm whales, as well as the Hawaiian monk seal. Under section 7 of the ESA, NSF has initiated formal consultation with the NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, on this proposed seismic survey. NMFS's Office of Protected Resources, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, has initiated formal consultation under Section 7 of the ESA with NMFS's Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, to obtain a Biological Opinion evaluating the effects of issuing the IHA on threatened and endangered marine mammals and, if appropriate, authorizing incidental take. NMFS will conclude formal section 7 consultation prior to making a determination on whether or not to issue the IHA. If the IHA is issued, NSF and SIO, in addition to the mitigation and monitoring requirements included in the IHA, will be required to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement corresponding to NMFS's Biological Opinion issued to both NSF and NMFS's Office of Protected Resources.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

With its complete application, NSF and SIO provided NMFS a draft EA analyzing the direct, indirect, and cumulative environmental impacts of the proposed specified activities on marine mammals including those listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA. The draft EA, prepared by NSF incorporates a document prepared by LGL on behalf of NSF and SIO. It is entitled "Environmental Assessment of a Low-Energy Marine Geophysical Survey by the R/V *Thompson* in the Western Tropical Pacific Ocean, November–December 2011." Prior to making a final decision on the SIO application, NMFS will either prepare an independent EA, or, after review and evaluation of the SIO EA for consistency with the regulations published by the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ) and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, adopt the NSF EA and make a decision of whether or not to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

#### Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue an IHA to SIO for conducting a marine geophysical survey in the western tropical Pacific Ocean, provided the

previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. The duration of the IHA would not exceed one year from the date of its issuance.

#### Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments and information concerning this proposed project and NMFS's preliminary determination of issuing an IHA (see **ADDRESSES**). Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 25, 2011.

**Helen M. Golde,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process

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

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 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 the continuing information collection, 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 September 27, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:*

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651–0028 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

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

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Catherine Cain, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and

Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313–1451, by telephone at 571–272–8946, or by e-mail to [Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov](mailto:Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov). Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999 (FQA), 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.*, certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. It is also mandatory for manufacturers of fasteners covered by the FQA to submit an application to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for recordal of the insignia on the Fastener Insignia Register.

The procedures for the recordal of fastener insignia under the FQA are set forth in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.* The purpose of requiring both the insignia and the recordation is to ensure that certain fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers and to protect against the sale of mismarked, misrepresented, or counterfeit fasteners.

The insignia may be either a unique alphanumeric designation that the USPTO will issue upon request or a trademark that is registered at the USPTO or is the subject of an application to obtain a registration. After a manufacturer submits a complete application for recordal, the USPTO issues a Certificate of Recordal. These certificates remain active for five years. Applications to renew the certificates must be filed within six months of the expiration date or, upon payment of an additional surcharge, within six months following the expiration date.

If a recorded alphanumeric designation is assigned by the manufacturer, the designation becomes "inactive," and the new owner must submit an application to reactivate the designation within six months of the date of assignment. If the recordal is based on a trademark application or registration, and that registration is assigned, the recordal becomes "inactive" and cannot be reactivated. Instead, the new owner of the trademark application or registration must apply for a new recordal. Manufacturers who record insignia must notify the USPTO of any changes of address.

This information collection includes one form, the Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO–1611), which provides manufacturers with a convenient way to

submit a request for the recordal of a fastener insignia or to renew or reactivate an existing Certificate of Recordal. Use of Form PTO-1611 is not mandatory, and applicants may instead prepare requests for recordal using their own format.

The public uses this information collection to comply with the insignia recordal provisions of the FQA. The USPTO uses the information in this collection to record or renew insignias under the FQA and to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open to public inspection. The public may download the Fastener Insignia Register from the USPTO Web site.

**II. Method of Collection**

By mail, facsimile, hand delivery, or electronically to the USPTO.

**III. Data**

OMB Number: 0651-0028.  
 Form Number(s): PTO-1611.  
 Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.  
 Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.  
 Estimated Number of Respondents: 95 responses per year.  
 Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to gather the necessary

information, prepare the form, and submit the request for recordal or renewal of a fastener insignia to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 24 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$2,928. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by paraprofessionals at an estimated rate of \$122 per hour. Therefore, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for this collection will be approximately \$2,928 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Application for Recordal of Insignia or Renewal/Reactivation of Recordal Under the Fastener Quality Act (PTO-1611) .....	15 minutes	95	24
Totals .....	.....	95	24

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$2,044. There are no capital start-up, recordkeeping, or maintenance costs associated with this information collection. However, this collection does have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of filing fees and postage costs.

Under 37 CFR 2.7, the filing fee is \$20 for a recordal of a new fastener insignia, a renewal, or a request for reactivation. The USPTO estimates that it will receive 95 new recordals, renewals, or reactivations of fastener insignia per year, for a total of \$1,900 in filing fees. If a manufacturer submits a renewal after the expiration date but within six months of that date, then the manufacturer must pay an additional \$20 late-renewal surcharge. The USPTO estimates that approximately 7 of the 95 responses per year will be late renewals that incur the surcharge, for a total of \$140 in additional charges. Therefore, the total estimated filing fees for this collection will be \$2,040 per year.

The public may submit the information for this collection to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that approximately 5 of the 95 responses per year will be submitted to the USPTO by mail at an average first-class postage cost of 88 cents per response, for a total postage cost of approximately \$4 per year.

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of filing fees (\$2,040) and postage costs (\$4) is estimated to be \$2,044 per 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, 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 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: July 26, 2011.  
 Susan K. Fawcett,  
 Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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**COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

**Procurement List; Additions**

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds products and a service to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** Effective Date: 8/29/2011.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or e-mail [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Additions**

On 5/27/2011 (76 FR 30923-30924) and 6/3/2011 (76 FR 32146), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products and service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.