

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a subsequent one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to 5 years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review. Under Section 156(e)(1), a patent is eligible for term extension only if regulatory review of the claimed product was completed before the original patent term expired.

On October 9, 1998, patent owner Pharmacia & Upjohn, S.p.A., filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449. On November 12, 1999, a request for a second interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) was filed. The patent claims the active ingredient roboxetine mesylate. The application indicates that a New Drug Application for the human drug product roboxetine mesylate has been filed and is currently undergoing a regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially. The original term of the patent expired on January 8, 1999, and has been previously extended under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a period of one year.

Review of the application indicates that except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156. Since it is apparent that the regulatory review period will extend beyond the date of expiration of the patent, interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate. Accordingly, an interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,229,449 has been granted for a period of one year from January 8, 2000, the expiration date of the patent as previously extended.

Dated: February 10, 2000.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection, Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs 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 extension of 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 of the 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: Considerations will be given to all comments received April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to TRICARE Management Activity—Aurora, Office of Appeals and Hearings, 16401 E. Centretch Pkwy, ATTN: Donald F. Wagner, Aurora, CO 80011-9043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call TRICARE Management Activity, Office of Appeals and Hearings at (303) 676-3411.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Professional Qualifications Medical/Peer Reviewers, CHAMPUS Form 780, OMB Number 0720-0005.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and record the professional qualifications of medical and peer reviewers utilized within CHAMPUS.

The form is included as an exhibit in an appeal or hearing case file as evidence of the reviewer's professional qualifications to review the medical documentation contained in the case file.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Annual Burden Hours: 15.

Annual Number of Respondents: 60.

Responses per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are medical professionals who provide medical and peer review of cases appealed to the Office of Appeals and Hearings, TRICARE Management Activity. CHAMPUS Form 780 records the professional qualifications of the medical/peer reviewers. The completed form is included as an exhibit in the appeal or hearing case file, and documents for anyone reviewing the file, the professional qualifications of the medical professional who review the case. If the form is not included in the case file, individuals reviewing the file will not have ready access to the qualifications of the reviewing medical professional. Having qualified professionals provide medical and peer review is essential in maintaining the integrity of the appeal and hearing process.

February 11, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announced the proposed extension of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed extension of 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 of the 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 April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to TRICARE Management Activity—Aurora, Office of Program Requirements, 16401 E. Centretch Parkway, ATTN: Graham Kolb, Aurora, CO 80011-9043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call TRICARE Management Activity, Office of Program Requirements at (303) 676-3580.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Health Insurance Claim Form, HCFA-1500, OMB Number 0720-0001.

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is used by TRICARE/CHAMPUS to determine reimbursement for health care services or supplies rendered by individual professional providers to TRICARE/CHAMPUS beneficiaries. The requested information is used to determine beneficiary eligibility, appropriateness and costs of care, other health insurance liability and whether services received are benefits. Use of this form continues TRICARE/CHAMPUS commitments to use the national standard claim form for reimbursement of services/supplies provided by individual professional providers.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit, State, local or tribal government, Federal government and not for profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 3,625,000.

Number of Respondents: 14,500,000.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

This collection instrument is for use by health care providers under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS Program. TRICARE/CHAMPUS is a health benefits entitlement program for the dependents of active duty Uniformed

Services member and deceased sponsors, retirees and their dependents, dependents of Department of Transportation (Coast Guard) sponsors, and certain North Atlantic Treaty Organizations, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service eligible beneficiaries. The Form 1500 is used by individual professional health care or health care related providers to file for reimbursement of civilian health care services or supplies provided to TRICARE/CHAMPUS beneficiaries. This is the national standard claim form accepted by all major commercial and government payers.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of the Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee was renewed, effective January 23, 2000, in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The DoD Historical Advisory Committee consists of three subcommittees (Historical Records Declassification Advisory Panel, the Department of the Army's Historical Advisory Subcommittee, and the Secretary of the Navy's Subcommittee on Naval History) which advise the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army and Navy regarding the professional standards, historical methodology, program priorities, liaison with professional groups, and adequacy of resources associated with Department of Defense historical programs.

The DoD Historical Advisory Committee will continue to be well balanced in terms of the interests groups represented and functions to be performed. The forty-two members include distinguished representatives from academia, current U.S. Government and private sector historians, authors and librarians, and retired general officers of general/flag rank.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Ms. Jennifer Spaeth, DoD Committee Management Officer, 703-695-4281.

Dated: February 11, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-43), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 7 March 2000 through 8 March 2000.

Time of Meeting: 0800-1700 (March 7), 0830-1630 (March 8).

Place: Presidential Towers—9th Floor Conference Room (9200).

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) Issue Group Study on "Counterterrorism Warfare and Joint Opportunities for the Future" will meet for their initial "kick-off" meeting. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Debra Butler (Staff Assistant) at (703) 601-1581.

Wayne Joyner,

Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Energy Information Administration (EIA) is soliciting comments on the proposed changes and extension for three years beyond the current expiration of the Forms EIA-851, "Domestic Uranium Production Report," and EIA-858, "Uranium Industry Annual Survey."