

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0022.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 3,501 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 3,500 responses per year. The USPTO expects that 3,500 patent applications on inventions dealing with deposits of biological materials will be filed each year. It is estimated by the USPTO that one depository will seek recognition every four years, or 0.25 depositories will seek recognition annually.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of one (1) hour for the average patent applicant respondent to collect and submit the necessary deposit information to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that it will take the average depository seeking approval to store biological material an average of 15 minutes (.25 hours) to gather and submit the necessary approval information to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: Information on the deposit of biological materials in depositories is required for (a) the USPTO determination of compliance with 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2), 35 U.S.C. 112, and 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.801-1.809, where inventions sought to be patented rely on biological material subject to the deposit requirement, including notification to the interested public on where to obtain samples of deposits; and (b) in compliance with 37 CFR Ch. 1, Subpart G, 1.803 to demonstrate that the depositories are qualified to store and test the biological material submitted to them under patent applications. This information is used by the USPTO to determine whether or not the applicant has met the requirements of the patent regulations. In addition, the USPTO uses this information to determine the suitability of a respondent depository based upon administrative and technical competence, and the depository's agreement to comply with the requirements set forth by the USPTO. There are no forms associated with this collection of information.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions, and the Federal 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, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, (703) 308-

7400, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, Attn: CPK 3 Suite 310, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before February 23, 2004 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 16, 2004.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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UNITED STATES 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: Post Allowance and Refiling.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/44/50/51/51S/52/53/56/57/58 and PTOL-85B.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0033.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 67,261 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 223,411 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 1.8 minutes (0.03 hours) to 2 hours to read the instructions, gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or other document, and submit the information to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. §§ 131 and 151 to examine applications and issue them as patents when appropriate. The applicant must then pay the required issue fee to receive the patent and avoid abandonment of the application. The USPTO can also correct errors in patents and reissue patents as appropriate. Under 37 CFR 1.510-1.570 and 37 CFR 1.902-1.997, the USPTO may grant requests for *ex parte* and *inter partes* reexamination proceedings. The public uses this collection to request

corrections of errors in issued patents, to request reissue patents, to request reexamination proceedings, and to ensure that the necessary fees and documentation are submitted to the USPTO. The USPTO is adding two petitions, the Petition to Review Refusal to Grant *Ex Parte* Reexamination and the Petition to Review Refusal to Grant *Inter Partes* Reexamination, to this information collection. These petitions are not new requirements but were not previously covered in this collection.

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Frequency: On occasion.

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

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before February 23, 2004 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: January 15, 2004.

Susan K. Brown,

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Removal of Export Visa and ELVIS Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

January 20, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and