

rulemaking does not contain provisions that involve the use of technical standards.

P. Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) requires that the USPTO consider the impact of paperwork and other information collection burdens imposed on the public. The collection of information affected by this final rule is 0651–0051 (Madrid Protocol). This collection has been previously reviewed and approved by OMB under the most recent renewal of this control number. This rulemaking implements the provisions addressing the replacement of a National or Regional Registration by an International Registration to receive partial replacement requests in alignment with the Madrid Protocol. This will result in a slight increase in respondents. In keeping with that increase, the hourly and non-hourly cost burdens for 0651–0051 will be adjusted to reflect these new respondents and their submissions of replacement requests. As a result of this final rule, updates to the information collection 0651–0051 will be submitted to the OMB as non-substantive change requests.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Q. E-Government Act Compliance: The USPTO is committed to compliance with the E-Government Act to promote the use of the internet and other information technologies, to provide increased opportunities for citizen access to government information and services, and for other purposes.

List of Subjects in 37 CFR Part 7

Administrative practice and procedure, Trademarks.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, the USPTO amends 37 CFR part 7 as follows:

PART 7—RULES OF PRACTICE IN FILINGS PURSUANT TO THE PROTOCOL RELATING TO THE MADRID AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTERNATIONAL REGISTRATION OF MARKS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 7 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1123, 35 U.S.C. 2, Pub. L. 116–260, 134 Stat. 1182, unless otherwise noted.

■ 2. Revise § 7.28 to read as follows:

§ 7.28 Replacement of U.S. registration by registered extension of protection.

(a) A registered extension of protection affords the same rights as those afforded to a previously issued U.S. registration if:

(1) Both registrations are owned by the same person and identify the same mark; and

(2) All the goods and/or services listed in the U.S. registration that are identified for replacement are covered by the registered extension of protection.

(b) The holder of an international registration with a registered extension of protection to the United States that meets the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, or with a pending request for extension of protection that, once registered, will meet the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, may file a request to note replacement of the U.S. registration with the extension of protection. If the request to note replacement is filed in reference to a pending request for extension of protection, the request will not be processed until the extension of protection registers.

(c) If the request to note replacement contains all of the following, the Office will take note of the replacement in its automated records:

(1) The serial number or registration number of the extension of protection;

(2) The registration number of the replaced U.S. registration;

(3) The goods and/or services for which replacement is requested; and

(4) The fee required by § 7.6.

(d) If the request to note replacement is denied, the Office will notify the holder of the reason(s) for refusal.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

43 CFR Part 4

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Practices Before the Department of the Interior; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Hearings and Appeals, Interior.

ACTION: Interim final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Office of Hearings and Appeals (OHA) is issuing this document to correct the interim final rule published on January 10, 2025. These corrections address comments provided by the Office of the Federal Register regarding amendatory language and grammatical and technical errors that OHA identified in the published interim final rule.

DATES: Effective June 4, 2025.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 2025, OHA published an interim final rule, entitled “Practices Before the Department of the Interior,” with an effective date of February 10, 2025 (90 FR 2332). OHA invited the public to submit additional suggestions for improvements by February 10, 2025, and stated that it would consider future revisions, if appropriate.

On January 20, 2025, the President issued a memorandum, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” The President’s memorandum directed executive departments to “consider postponing for 60 days from the date of [the] memorandum the effective date for any rules that have been published in the **Federal Register**, or any rules that have been issued in any manner but have not taken effect, for the purpose of reviewing any questions of fact, law, and policy that the rules may raise.”

In compliance with the President’s memorandum, OHA postponed the effective date of the interim final rule to March 21, 2025 (90 FR 9222), again to May 5, 2025 (90 FR 12461), and again to June 4, 2025 (90 FR 18927). During this time, and pursuant to the President’s memorandum, the Department of the Interior has reviewed the interim final rule and identified certain grammatical and technical errors in the interim final rule that require correction.

Accordingly, in FR Doc. 2024–30358 (*i.e.*, OHA’s interim final rule) appearing on page 2332 in the **Federal Register** of Friday, January 10, 2025, the following corrections are made:

1. On page 2335, in the third column, remove the second full paragraph: “The

interim final rule will update nomenclature by providing gender-neutral language, consistent with Executive Order 13988 on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual Orientation, signed by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr. on January 20, 2021.”

2. On page 2338, in the first column, the last sentence of the first full paragraph is corrected to read “Please reference: ‘OMB Control Number 1094-New/1094-AA57’ in the subject line of your comments.”

3. On page 2385, in the first column, in the first sentence under the subheading “Subpart I—Specific Rules Applicable to Proceedings Under Part 17—Nondiscrimination in Federally Assisted Programs”, remove the language “by providing gender-neutral language, consistent with Executive Order 13988 on Preventing and Combating Discrimination on the Basis of Gender Identity or Sexual

Orientation, signed by President Joseph R. Biden, Jr., on January 20, 2021.”

§ 4.1 [Corrected]

■ 4. On page 2390, in the second column, on the second line of § 4.1(b)(2)(i), the parenthetical abbreviation “(Ph.D.)” is corrected to “(PHD)”.

§ 4.26 [Corrected]

■ 5. On page 2393, in the second column, on the third line of § 4.26(a), the term “Ph.D.” is corrected to “PHD”.

§ 4.27 [Corrected]

■ 6. On page 2394, in the first column, on the third line of § 4.27(a)(2)(iii), the term “Ph.D.” is corrected to “PHD”.

§ 4.845 [Corrected]

■ 7. On page 2427, in the second column, in amendment 55, the instruction “Amend § 4.845, the first sentence, to remove the words ‘upon

him’” is corrected to read: “Amend § 4.845 by removing the words ‘upon him’”.

§ 4.1301 [Corrected]

■ 8. On page 2430, in the third column, in amendment 93, the instruction “In § 4.1301, amend paragraph (a) by removing the words ‘the Hearings Division, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior’ and adding in their place the word ‘DCHD’” is corrected to read: “Amend § 4.1301 by removing the words ‘the Hearings Division, Office of Hearings and Appeals, U.S. Department of the Interior’ and adding in their place the acronym ‘DCHD’”.

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