

conferring the grants. Thus, we preliminarily determine that this program is not countervailable within the meaning of section 701(a) of the Act. (For a more detailed explanation of the Department's decision, see the May 26, 1995 Memorandum for the 1992 Administrative Reviews of IPA from Israel, on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce).

III. Programs Preliminarily Determined Not to Be Used

We also examined the following programs and preliminarily determine that the producer/exporter of the subject merchandise did not apply for or receive benefits under these programs during the 1992 or 1993 review periods:

- A. Reduced tax rates under ECIL;
- B. ECIL section 24 loans;
- C. Preferential accelerated depreciation under ECIL;
- D. Labor training grants; and
- E. Dividends and Interest Tax Benefits under Section 46 of the ECIL.

Preliminary Results of Reviews

For the period January 1, 1992, through December 31, 1992, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 3.84 percent *ad valorem* for all firms. For the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy to be 5.50 percent *ad valorem* for all firms.

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess the following countervailing duties:

Manufacturer/ exporter	Period	Rate (per- cent)
All companies ...	1992	3.84
All companies ...	1993	5.50

The Department also intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act, of 5.50 percent of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of the subject merchandise from Israel entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of these administrative reviews.

Parties to the proceedings may request disclosure of the calculation methodology used in either review and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in

case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in the case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit written arguments in these proceedings are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Written arguments that are intended to comment on the preliminary results for both the 1992 and 1993 reviews must be submitted to the file for each proceeding. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38(e).

Representatives of parties to these proceedings may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under section 355.38(c), are due. The Department will publish the final results of these administrative reviews including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

These administrative reviews and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 355.22.

Dated: February 22, 1996.
Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Weather Service To Discontinue the Issuance of All Routine Agricultural Forecasts and Fruit Frost Forecasts

AGENCY: National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice updates the National Weather Services (NWS) plans to transfer Agricultural Weather Services to the private sector, notice of which was published on July 5, 1995; see National Weather Service Transfer of Specific Products and Services to the Private Sector, 60 Fed. Reg. 34969.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This action becomes effective April 1, 1996, for routine agricultural forecasts and April 20, 1996, for fruit frost forecasts.

ADDRESSES: National Weather Service, Industrial Meteorology Staff, 1325 East-West Highway, #18462, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward Gross, 301-713-0258.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 5, 1995, the National Weather Service (NWS) announced that it planned to transfer specific products and services to the private sector effective October 1, 1995. Subsequently, concerns were raised about the disruption of critical forecasts to regions of the United States dependent on receiving NWS agricultural weather services and the Conference Report for the Department of Commerce Fiscal Year 1996.

Appropriations Bill to accompany H.R. 2076 noted that, "it may be necessary within funds available to provide Agricultural Weather Services for a limited time."

Accordingly, NWS has continued and will continue routine agricultural forecasts until April 1, 1996, and will continue those Fruit Frost Forecasts that it has already commenced providing until April 20, 1996. At that time, funds available for Agricultural Weather Services will be exhausted. However, if a freeze or very cold weather is in progress on April 20, 1996, fruit frost products will continue until the episode ends.

The NWS has been notifying customers of changes to its Agricultural Weather Services program since July 1995. The provision of these services has been extended from October 1, 1995 until April 20, 1996 for the purpose of minimizing the disruption of critical forecasts to certain regions and to allow customers an opportunity to find alternative sources of agricultural weather information from the private sector. This action complies with the conference language of maintaining a goal of smoothly transferring services to those private sector vendors capable and willing to assume them.

The following NWS agricultural products will no longer be available:
Agricultural Weather Forecast
Fruit Frost Forecast
Special Agricultural Weather Advisory
Weather Advisory for Ag Operations
30-day Agricultural Weather Outlook
National Agricultural Weather Highlights
Cranberry Bog Forecasts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Joint Agricultural Weather Facility will continue producing the International Weather and Crop Bulletin.

Dated: February 27, 1996.
 Susan F. Zevin,
 Deputy Administrator for Operations.
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Patent and Trademark Office

Address-Affecting Provisions

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, 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 May 3, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Request for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, (703)305-9285.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under existing law, a patent applicant or assignee may appoint, revoke or change a representative to act in a representative capacity. Also, an appointed representative may withdraw from acting in a representative capacity. This collection includes the information needed to ensure that PTO correspondence reaches the appropriate individual.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile or hand-carry when the applicant or agent is to notify the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) of changes, revocations or additions in powers of attorney or agents and changes in addresses, or when an appointed representative withdraws.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0035.
Form Number: PTO/SB/82/83.
Type of Review: Revision.
Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other non-profit

institutions, not-for-profit institutions and Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 45,350.

Estimated Time Per Response: .2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 9070 hours/year.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$87,979/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, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through 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: February 27, 1996.
 Linda Engelmeier,
 Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Disclosure Document Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, 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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Disclosure Document Program allows inventors to submit papers that provide evidence of the date of conception of an invention. The disclosure document papers will be retained by the PTO for two years, during which time the inventors should file a patent application if patent protection is desired.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile and hand-carry when the inventor desires to participate in the information collection.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0030.

Form Number: PTO/SB/95.

Type of Review: Revision.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other non-profit institutions, not-for-profit institutions, and Federal Government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 27,000.

Estimated Time Per Response: .2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,400 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$12,757.5/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, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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