1, 1997, through July 31, 1998, to be zero.

The Department has now completed the administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

### **Final Results of Review**

We have determined that no changes to the preliminary results are warranted for purposes of these final results. The weighted-average dumping margin for the period August 1, 1997, through July 31, 1998, is as follows:

Manufacturer/exporter	Period	Margin (percent)
Ust-Kamenogorsk Titanium and Magnesium Plant/Specialty Metals Company	8/1/97–7/31/98	zero.

The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. Pursuant to the International Trade Commission's determination that revocation of the finding covering titanium sponge imports from Kazakhstan is not likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department revoked this finding on August 31, 1998, with an effective date of August 13, 1998. See Notice of Revocation of Antidumping Findings and Antidumping Duty Order and Termination of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews: Titanium Sponge from Kazakhstan, Russia, Ukraine, and Japan, 63 FR 46215 (August 31, 1998). Since the revocation is currently in effect, current and future imports of titanium sponge from Kazakhstan shall be entered into the United States without regard to antidumping duties. Therefore, we will instruct Customs not to suspend future entries and to liquidate all future entries of this product, from Kazakhstan, without regard to antidumping duties.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Department's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this determination in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 17, 1999.

### Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### **Patent and Trademark Office**

# **Statutory Invention Registration**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed 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 January 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), Washington, DC 20231, by telephone at (703) 305–9285.

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

# I. Abstract

A statutory invention registration is not a patent. It has the defensive attributes of a patent but does not have the enforceable attributes of a patent. In other words, a person occasionally invents something solely for personal use (not for production or sale) and does not want to go through the effort and expense of obtaining a patent on the invention. At the same time, the inventor wants to prevent someone else from later obtaining a patent on a like invention. In that situation, the inventor

can register a statutory invention and have it published. Once published, it cannot be claimed by another person. 37 USC 157 authorizes the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) to publish a statutory invention registration containing the specifications and drawings of a regularly filed application for a patent without examination, providing the patentee meets all the requirements for printing, waives the right to receive a patent on the invention within a certain period of time prescribed by the PTO, and pays all application, publication and other processing fees.

The PTÖ administers 35 USC 157 through 37 CFR 1.293-1.297. Under 37 CFR 1.293, an applicant for an original patent may request, at any time during the pendency of the applicant's pending complete application, that the specifications and drawings be published as a statutory invention registration. Any such request must be signed by (1) the applicant and any assignee of record or (2) an attorney or agent of record in the application. The request for publication must also include a waiver of the applicant's right to receive a patent on the invention claimed effective upon the date of publication of the statutory invention

37 CFR 1.294 permits any request for a Statutory Invention Registration to be examined to determine if the requirements of § 1.293 have been met. The examination will also determine if the subject matter of the application is appropriate for publication, and if the requirements for publication are met.

The public may petition the PTO to review rejection decisions within one month or such other time as is set forth in the decision refusing publication under 37 CFR 1.295. The petition may include a request for refund of the petition fee.

Under 37 CFR 1.296, the public may petition the PTO to withdraw a request to publish a statutory invention registration prior to the date of the notice of the intent to publish. The request to withdraw may also include a request for a refund.

If the request for a statutory invention registration is approved, a notice to that

effect will be published in the PTO's Official Gazette, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.297. Each statutory invention registration published will include a statement relating to the attributes of a statutory invention registration.

The public uses form number PTO/SB/94, Request for Statutory Invention Registration, to request and authorize publication of a regularly-filed patent application as a Statutory Invention Registration, to waive the right to receive a United States patent on the same invention claimed in the identified patent application, and to agree that the waiver will be effective upon publication of the Statutory Invention Registration. No forms are associated with the petition for a review of the refusal to publish a statutory

invention registration or the petition to withdraw the request for publication of a statutory invention registration.

## II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand carry when the applicant or agent files a statutory invention registration with the PTO.

### III. Data

OMB Number: 0651–0036. Form Number: PTO/SB/94. Type of Review: Renewal without

Affected Public: Individuals or households; businesses or other forprofit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal, state, local or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 83 responses per year.

Estimated Time Per Response: It is estimated to take approximately 24 minutes each to complete the request for statutory invention registration, the petition to review the rejection decision, and the petition to withdraw the publication request.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 33.2 hours per year.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$0 (no capital start-up or maintenance expenditures are required). Using the professional hourly rate of \$175.00 for associate attorneys in private firms, the PTO estimates \$5,810 for salary costs associated with respondents.

Title of form	PTO Form No.(s)	Estimated time for response	Estimated an- nual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Statutory Invention Registration Petition to Review Rejection Decision Petition to Withdraw Publication Request	PTO/SB/94 N/A N/A	0.4 0.4 0.4	32.0 0.4 0.8	80 1 2
Totals			33.2	83

## **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 will 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, e.g., the use 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

## Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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# CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

## Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request—Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed request for an extension of approval of a collection of information from manufacturers and importers of disposable and novelty cigarette lighters. This collection of information consists of testing and recordkeeping requirements in certification regulations implementing the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters (16 CFR part 1210). The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension of approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive written comments not later than January 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Cigarette Lighters" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504–0127 or by e-mail at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed extension of approval of the collection of information, or to obtain a copy of 16 CFR part 1210, call or write Linda L. Glatz, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504–0416, extension 2226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1993, the Commission issued the Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters (16 CFR part 1210) under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act (CPSA) (15 U.S.C. 2051 et seq.) to eliminate or reduce risks of death and burn injury from fires accidentally started by children playing with cigarette lighters. The standard contains performance requirements for disposable and novelty lighters that are intended to make cigarette lighters subject to the standard resist operation by children younger than five years of age.

## A. Certification Requirements

Section 14(a) of the CPSA (15 U.S.C. 2063(a)) requires manufacturers, importers, and private labelers of a