

requesters will also be notified by the USPTO. No one will be permitted to attend without prior approval.

Topics for the Roundtable Discussion

The roundtable will begin with an overview and history of computer-implemented business method patents and the *State Street Bank* decision, as well as what is happening today on this issue. This portion will be followed by roundtable discussions on the examination and economic issues surrounding business method patents. The topics to be discussed by the roundtable participants will include:

A. How computer-implemented business method applications are examined.

- Eligibility for patenting
- Novelty and nonobviousness requirements, including automation of known processes

B. The impact of patent protection for computer-implemented business methods on the innovation, evolution and development of electronic commerce.

- Are computer-implemented business method patents encouraging or curbing growth in innovation?
- Are there empirical studies or evidence that support either conclusion?

C. Creation of a business methods prior art database for searching computer-implemented business method patent applications.

- Unique characteristics of business methods prior art
- Types of prior art in the new database and the accessibility of the prior art
- Challenges in creating the business methods prior art database

D. Discussion of the USPTO's Business Method Patent Initiative announced on March 29, 2000.

- Does the initiative adequately address concerns raised about the examination of computer-implemented business method patent applications?
- Are there other issues related to computer-implemented business methods on which the USPTO should be focusing?

Classification Section

It has been determined that this notice is significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866. This notice involves information collection requirements related to the filing and processing of a patent application and which are subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

(44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). These information collections have been reviewed and previously approved by the Office of Management and Budget under the following control numbers: 0651-0031 and 0651-0032. The United States Patent and Trademark Office is not resubmitting information collection packages to OMB for its review and approval because the changes under consideration do not affect the information collection requirements associated with the information collections under these OMB control numbers. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond nor shall a 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.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

June 16, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 22, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, special shift and the adjustment for folklore products.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 54870, published on October 8, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 16, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on October 4, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Indonesia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on June 22, 2000, you are directed to adjust the limits for the categories listed below, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
219	10,026,801 square meters.
300/301	4,788,617 kilograms.
313-O ²	12,833,569 square meters.
314-O ³	65,362,978 square meters.
315-O ⁴	37,140,992 square meters.
317-O ⁵ /326-O ⁶ /617	25,660,549 square meters of which not more than 4,530,430 square meters shall be in Category 326-O.
334/335	270,912 dozen.
336/636	807,170 dozen.
338/339	1,622,948 dozen.
340/640	1,741,313 dozen.
341	1,207,487 dozen.
342/642	458,342 dozen.
345	516,624 dozen.
347/348	2,198,572 dozen.
350/650	151,156 dozen.
351/651	680,360 dozen.
447	18,434 dozen.
613/614/615	25,048,494 square meters.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
618-O ⁷	1,863,663 square meters.
625/626/627/628/ 629-O ⁸	29,461,033 square meters.
634/635	365,422 dozen.
638/639	1,813,012 dozen.
641	2,878,610 dozen.
645/646	966,249 dozen.
647/648	3,794,837 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

² Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

³ Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

⁴ Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

⁵ Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

⁶ Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.

⁷ Category 618-O: all HTS numbers except 5408.24.9010 and 5408.24.9040.

⁸ Category 625/626/627/628; Category 629-O: all HTS numbers except 5408.34.9085 and 5516.24.0085.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden; it includes the actual data collection instruments, if any.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 24, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY

CONTACT: Steven A. Grossman at CFTC, (202) 418-5192; FAX: (202) 418-5529; email: sgrossman@cftc.gov and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title:* Procurement Contracts (OMB) Control No. 3038-0031). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The information collected consists of procurement activities relating to solicitations, amendments to solicitations, requests for quotations, construction contracts, awards of contracts, performance bonds, and payment information for individuals (vendors) or contractors engaged in providing supplies or services.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on May 9, 2000 (65 FR 26815).

Burden statement: The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 4 hours per response. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collection, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities: 151.

Estimated number of respondents: 151.

Estimated total annual burden on respondents: 604 hours.

Frequency of collection: On occasion.

Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the information collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the addresses listed below. Please refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0018 in any correspondence.

Steven E. Grossman, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

and

Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Attention: Desk Officer for CFTC, 725 17th Street, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Command Center of the Future will meet to assess current and future operational requirements, deficiencies and vulnerabilities, and recommend a Department of the Navy strategy for developing a next generation Maritime Command and Control Capability. All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to executive sessions that will include discussions and technical examination of information related to current command and control system vulnerabilities; current and projected military command and control requirements; recent operational lessons learned from Pacific theater command centers; and command and control information sources and system requirements for future planned systems. All sessions of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 22, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, June 23, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Lockheed Martin Naval Electronics and Surveillance Systems—Manassas Laboratory, 9500 Godwin Drive, Manassas, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-6769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to discussions involving technical examination of information related to current and projected operational requirements, deficiencies and vulnerabilities of the Navy and Marine Corps command and control systems. These discussions will contain classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria