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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before October 9, 2003 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### 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:* Secrecy and License to Export.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0034.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 1,524 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,195 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.5 hours) to 4 hours to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate petition, and submit the completed request.

*Needs and Uses:* This collection of information is required by 35 U.S.C. 181-188 and administered through 37 CFR 5.1-5.33. In the interest of national

security, patent laws and rules place certain limitations on the disclosure of information contained in patents and patent applications and on the filing of applications in foreign countries. When disclosure of an invention is determined to be detrimental to national security, the Director of the USPTO must issue a secrecy order and withhold the grant of a patent for such period as the national interest requires. The USPTO collects information to determine whether the patent laws and rules have been complied with, and to grant or revoke licenses to file abroad when appropriate. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking "Changes to Support Implementation of the USPTO 21st Century Strategic Plan" (RIN 0651-AB64), which would support the use of electronic signatures on documents and increase the filing fees for petitions related to foreign licenses. The Petition for Changing the Scope of a License is also being added to this collection, but no forms are provided for this petition.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, not-for-profit institutions, farms, the Federal Government, and State, local or tribal governments.

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*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:* 63,635 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 205,385 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 gather the necessary information, prepare the forms, and submit the completed request.

*Needs and Uses:* The USPTO is required by 35 U.S.C. 131 and 151 to examine applications and, when appropriate, allow applications and issue them as patents. The USPTO can also correct errors in patents, reissue patents as appropriate, and participate in reexamination proceedings initiated by the patent owner or by third parties. The public uses the information in this collection to request corrections in issued patents, to request reissue patents, to request reexamination proceedings, and to ensure that the necessary information and fees are submitted to the USPTO. The USPTO in turn reissues patents, determines whether the requested corrections can be made, and approves reexaminations. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking, "Changes to Support Implementation of the USPTO 21st Century Strategic Plan" (RIN 0651-AB64), which would allow the use of electronic signatures on documents and also eliminate the requirement to surrender a copy of the original patent in a reissue application. With the elimination of this requirement, the associated Form PTO/SB/55 is also being deleted.

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*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Initial Patent Applications.

*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/01/01A/02A/02B/02LR/03/03A/04/05/06/07/13PCT/16/17/18/19/29/29A/101 through 110/Electronic New Utility and Provisional Application Forms.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0032.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 4,171,568 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 454,287 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it takes between 24 minutes to 10 hours and 45 minutes to gather the information, prepare, and submit the various paper and electronic

applications in this collection, depending on the situation and the amount of information that needs to be submitted. Based on estimates of similar petitions, the USPTO believes that it takes 1 hour to gather the information, prepare, and submit the petitions to accept an unintentionally delayed priority claim and to accept non-signing inventors or legal representatives/filing by other than all the inventors or a person not the inventor. The USPTO estimates that it takes 22 minutes to copy an oversized new original utility or provisional application that cannot be submitted electronically through EFS onto a CD-ROM, print the application transmittal, and prepare the cover letter submitting the submission.

*Needs and Uses:* The USPTO is submitting this information collection in support of a notice of proposed rulemaking, "Changes to Support Implementation of the United States Patent and Trademark Office 21st Century Strategic Plan" (RIN 0651-AB64) which will be forwarded to the **Federal Register** for publication. This proposed rule increases the filing fee for the Petition to Accept Non-Signing Inventors or Legal Representatives/Filing by Other than all the Inventors or a Person not the Inventor from \$130 to \$200 and adds capital start-up costs for DVD drives, recorders, and media, in addition to DVD and technical drawing software. Capital start-up costs related to the utility, design, and plant drawings have also been added to this collection. The proposed rule does not change the needs and uses currently reported for this collection.

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*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Patent Processing (Updating).

*Form Number(s):* PTO/SB/08a/08b/21/22/23/24/24A/25/26/27/30/31/32/35/36/37/42/43/61/62/63/64/64a/67/68/91/92/96/97, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A, eIDS, EFS form.

*Agency Approval Number:* 0651-0031.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 2,724,329 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 2,215,789 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that it will take anywhere from one hour to four hours, depending on the amount of information that the applicant needs to submit to the USPTO, to complete the requirements associated with this information collection. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.

*Needs and Uses:* During the pendency of a patent application or the period of enforceability of a patent, situations arise that require collection of information for the USPTO to further process the patented file or the patent application. This information can be used by the USPTO to continue the processing of the patent or application or to ensure that applicants are complying with the patent regulations. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a proposed rulemaking, "Changes to Support Implementation of the USPTO's 21st Century Plan" (RIN