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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

**[Docket No.: PTO-C-2013-0036]**

**Extension of Comment Period for Request of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for Public Comments: Voluntary Best Practices Study**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO”) is extending until August 21, 2013, the period for public comment regarding the processes, data metrics, and methodologies that could be used to assess the effectiveness of cooperative agreements and other voluntary initiatives to reduce intellectual property infringement that occurs on-line—such as copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting. The USPTO is extending the public comment period to ensure stakeholders have adequate time to submit complete responses.

**DATES:** To be ensured of consideration written comments should be received on or before August 21, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, docket number PTO–C-2013–0036. Submissions should contain the term “Voluntary Best Practices Study.” The [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is a Federal E-Government Web site that allows the public to find, review and submit comments on documents that have published in the Federal Register and that are open for comment. Submissions filed via the [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site will be available to the public for review and inspection. For this reason, please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary business information.

If you are unable to provide submissions to [regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), you may contact the Office of Chief Economist by telephone at (571) 272-6900, or by e-mail at [saurabh.vishnubhakat@uspto.gov](mailto:saurabh.vishnubhakat@uspto.gov), to arrange for an alternate method of transmission.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On June 20, 2013, the USPTO published a request for comments on the processes, data metrics, and methodologies that could be used to assess the effectiveness of cooperative agreements and other voluntary initiatives to reduce intellectual property infringement that occurs on-line—such

as copyright piracy and trademark counterfeiting. The USPTO is now extending the period for submission of public comments until August 21, 2013.

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