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ACTION: Proposed collection; Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, extends the current 60-Day Federal Register comment period for 0651-0032 and invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the revision of a continuing information collection.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 16, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0032 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- Federal Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Raul Tamayo, Senior Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-7728; or by e-mail to raul.tamayo@uspto.gov. Additional information about this collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 1, 2013 (78 FedReg 60256), the USPTO published a request for comments for the revision of a currently approved collection (0651-0032). The USPTO is extending that 60-day public comment period. Comments were due on or before December 2, 2013 but the

comment period is now extended to December 16, 2013.

Comments must be received on or before December 16, 2013.

Comments submitted will be summarized and/or included in the USPTO's request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to: (a) Evaluate 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) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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