



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office.

ACTION: Notice and comment request.

Summary: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit 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: Submissions Regarding Correspondence and Regarding Attorney Representation (Trademarks).

Form Number(s): PTO Forms 2196 and 2201.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0056.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 10,540 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 108,940 responses per year. Of this total, the USPTO estimates that 103,751 responses will be submitted through TEAS.

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Needs and Uses: The public uses the information in this collection to appoint attorneys and domestic representatives to act on their behalf in the prosecution of their applications, to revoke those same appointments, to request permission to withdraw as the attorney of record or domestic representative, and to request replacement of the attorney of record with another already-appointed attorney. The USPTO uses the collected information to process the requests.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to [Nicholas\\_A.\\_Fraser@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov), or by fax to

202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A.  
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