DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB review; comment request; Patent Law Treaty

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 of 1995.

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce

Title: Patent Law Treaty

OMB Control Number: 0651-0073

Form Number(s): There are no forms in this information collection

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved information collection

Number of Respondents: 650 respondents per year

Average Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public 1 hour to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate document, and submit the information to the USPTO. Approximately 99% of the total responses for this information collection will be submitted electronically.

Burden Hours: 650 hours

Hourly Cost Burden: $284,700

Annual (non-hourly) Cost: $1,130,054

Needs and Uses:

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Frequency: On occasion

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits

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- E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0073 information request” in the subject line of the message.

- Mail: Kimberly Hardy, Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
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, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

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