



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; comment request; “Patent Cooperation 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, Commerce

Title: Patent Cooperation Treaty

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- PTO/RO/134
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Type of Request: Regular

Number of Respondents: 431,135

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Burden Hours: 352,769.78

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Needs and Uses:

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Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Maintain Benefits

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- E-mail: InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0021 information request” in the subject line of the message.
- Mail: Marcie Lovett, Records and Information Governance Branch Chief, 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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