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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Recreation/Tourism Study, Socioeconomic Monitoring Program for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before September 11, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be Dr. Vernon Leeworthy, 301-713-3000, extension 138, or Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this information collection is to obtain socioeconomic monitoring information in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS). This is an approximately 10-year replication of a study done in 1995-96 entitled "Linking the Economy and Environment of the Florida Keys/Florida Bay" that provided baseline measures for recreation/tourism in the Florida Keys. The study also replicates measures on recreation/tourist uses of the reefs that were estimated for the baseline in 2000-2001 in a study entitled "Socioeconomic Study of Reefs in Southeast Florida".

The study involves surveys on both visitors and residents of the Florida Keys/Monroe County. The visitors are different by season (summer versus winter) so separate estimates are made by season, while for residents annual estimates are made.

Information is collected on socioeconomic profiles, detailed recreation activity profiles, expenditures, non market economic use values, importance/satisfaction ratings on 25 natural resources attributes, facilities and services, and knowledge attitudes and perceptions of Sanctuary management strategies and regulations.

In addition, surveys of several businesses are to be conducted. A survey of for-hire recreational fishing guides is planned to gather information on knowledge, attitudes and perceptions of Sanctuary management strategies and regulations, especially the various zoning strategies. Short post card surveys are planned for Dive Shop Owners/Operators and Cruise Ship Operations to assess whether these businesses market customers based on the protected status of waters surrounding the Florida Keys.

II. Method of Collection

Interviews will generally be used. Visitors will be surveyed face-to-face while in the Florida Keys and will also be given mail-back questionnaires. Residents will be surveyed using mail-back questionnaires. For-hire recreational fishing guides will be surveyed at their homes or businesses by an interview team. Dive Shop Owners/Operators and Cruise Ship Operations will be sent post card mail surveys.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 16,020.

Estimated Time Per Response:

Visitors: auto, air and cruise ship on-site surveys, 4 minutes; customer on-site surveys, 15 minutes; mail-back questionnaires, 20 minutes; resident surveys, 1 hour; business interviews; 2 hours; and business post card surveys, 5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,469.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 6, 2006.

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Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted 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: Patent Processing (Updating).

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/08/08a/08b, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/21-27, PTO/SB/24B, PTO/SB/30-32, PTO/SB/35-39, PTO/SB/42-43, PTO/SB/61-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0031.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 3,527,991 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,508,239 responses.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 1 minute 48 seconds to 12 hours. The USPTO estimates that it will take 2 hours to complete the information disclosure statements (IDS) that do not require any additional disclosure requirement, 4 hours to complete the IDS submitted

during the first time period that require the explanation, 5 hours to complete the IDS submitted during the second time period that require the explanation and non-cumulative description, 6 hours to complete the IDS submitted during the third time period that require the first patentability justification, and 7 hours to complete the IDS submitted during the third or fourth time period that require the second patentability justification. The response time is expected to be the same for both the paper and eIDS filings, but given the current limitations on IDS submissions via eIDS, it is anticipated that only IDSs that do not require additional disclosure statements will be filed via eIDS. This includes time to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form, and submit the information in this collection.

Needs and Uses: The proposed changes to information disclosure submission (IDS) requirements will benefit applicants by improving the quality and efficiency of the examination process. The USPTO is submitting this collection in support of a notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Changes to Information Disclosure Requirements and Other Related Matters" (RIN 0651-AB95). There are two existing paper forms and one EFS-Web form associated with this proposed rulemaking; however, the changes in this proposed rulemaking do not necessitate any changes to the existing forms.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms, the Federal Government, and State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov.

Include "0651-0031 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, U.S. 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 August 11, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building,

725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 3, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Commercial Availability Request under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)

July 10, 2006.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA)

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a request for a determination that a certain cotton/cashmere blended yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA.

SUMMARY: On July 5, 2006 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Shibani Inwear alleging that a certain combed and ring spun yarn, of a 92 percent cotton/ 8 percent cashmere blend, comprised of 2/32 Nm resulting in a 16 Nm yarn count, classified in subheading 5205.42.00.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The petition requests that men's knit sweaters made of such yarn be eligible for preferential treatment under the AGOA. This is the second submission of a petition regarding the subject yarn, previously denied by CITA. **See Denial of a Commercial Availability Request under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA)** (71 FR 27467, published on May 11, 2006). CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether such yarn can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by July 27, 2006 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anna Flaaten, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 112(b)(5)(B) of the AGOA; Presidential Proclamation 7350 of October 2, 2000; Section 1 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The AGOA provides for quota-and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns and fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The AGOA also provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA and directed CITA to establish procedures to ensure appropriate public participation in any such determination. On March 6, 2001, CITA published procedures that it will follow in considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

On July 5, 2006 the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Shibani Inwear alleging that a certain combed and ring spun yarn, of a 92 percent cotton/ 8 percent cashmere blend, comprised of 2/32 Nm resulting in a 16 Nm yarn count, classified in subheading 5205.42.00.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in men's knit sweaters, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. This petition is requesting quota-and duty-free treatment under the AGOA for apparel articles that are both cut and sewn or knit-to-shape in one or more AGOA beneficiary countries from such yarns.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether this yarn can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Also relevant is whether other yarns that are supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner are substitutable for this yarn for purposes of the intended use. Comments must be received no later than July 27, 2006. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such