

*Legal Authority:* 33 U.S.C. chapter 17, subchapter 1, sections 853 and 854.

#### IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Sheleen Dumas,**

*Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### United States Patent and Trademark Office

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Madrid Protocol

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing

information collection: 0651-0051 (Madrid Protocol). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before April 11, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information:

- *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0051 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information should be directed to Catherine Cain, Attorney Advisor, Office of the Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-8946; or by email at [Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov](mailto:Catherine.Cain@uspto.gov) with "0651-0051 comment" in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under "Information Collection Review."

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. The Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks (Madrid Protocol) is an international treaty that allows a trademark owner to seek registration in any of the participating countries by filing a single international application. The International Bureau (IB) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in Geneva, Switzerland, administers the international registration system. The Madrid Protocol Implementation Act of 2002 amended the Trademark Act to provide that: (1) The owner of a U.S. application or registration may seek protection of its mark in any of the participating

countries by submitting a single international application through the USPTO and (2) the holder of an international registration may request an extension of protection of the international registration to the United States. The Madrid Protocol came into effect in the United States on November 2, 2003, and is implemented under 15 U.S.C. 1141 *et seq.* and 37 CFR part 2 and Part 7. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register the marks with the USPTO. Both the register and the information provided in pending applications for registration can be accessed by the public in order to determine the availability of a mark and lessen the likelihood of initiating the use of a mark previously adopted by another.

**II. Method of Collection**

Items in this information collection must be submitted via online electronic submissions through the Trademark Electronic Application System (TEAS). In limited circumstances, applicants may also be permitted to submit the information in paper form by mail or hand delivery.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0651-0051.  
*Forms:*

- PTO/1663 (Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71)
- PTO/1683 (Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15)
- PTO/2131 (Application for International Registration)
- PTO/2132 (Application for Subsequent Designation)
- PTO/2133 (Response to Notice of Irregularity)
- PTO/2314 (Replacement Request)
- PTO/2315 (Transformation Request)
- PTO/2316 (Petition to Director to Review Denial of Certification of International Application)
- PTO/2317 (Petition to Director for an International Application/Registration)

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector; individuals and households.

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

*Estimated Number of Annual Respondents:* 54,082 respondents.

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*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the responses in

this information collection will take the public approximately between 40 minutes (0.66 hours) to 75 minutes (1.25 hours) to complete. This includes the

time to gather the necessary information, prepare the forms or documents, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 48,671 hours.  
Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$21,171,885.*

TABLE 1—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate <sup>1</sup> (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Application for International Registration; PTO–2131.	7,778	1	7,778	.66 (40 minutes)	5,133	\$435	\$2,232,855
2	Request for Extension of Protection of International Registration to the United States (WIPO).	34,960	1	34,960	1	34,960	435	15,207,600
3	Response to Notice of Irregularity; PTO–2133.	812	1	812	.66 (40 minutes)	536	435	233,160
4	Replacement Request; PTO–2314	10	1	10	.75 (45 minutes)	8	435	3,480
5	Transformation Request; PTO–2315.	2	1	2	.66 (40 minutes)	1	435	435
6	Petition to Director to Review Denial of Certification of International Application; PTO–2316.	3	1	3	1.25 (75 minutes)	4	435	1,740
7	Application for Subsequent Designation; PTO–2132.	740	1	740	1.25 (75 minutes)	925	435	402,375
8	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71; PTO–1663.	4,703	1	4,703	.66 (40 minutes)	3,104	435	1,350,240
9	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15; PTO–1683.	2,317	1	2,317	.66 (40 minutes)	1,529	435	665,115
10	Petition to Director for an International Application/Registration; PTO–2317.	50	1	50	.66 (40 minutes)	33	435	14,355
	Total	51,375		51,375		46,233		20,111,355

<sup>1</sup> 2021 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); pg F–27. The USPTO uses the average billing rate for intellectual property attorneys in private firms which is \$435 per hour. (<https://www.aipla.org/home/news-publications/economic-survey>).

TABLE 2—TOTAL BURDEN HOURS AND HOURLY COSTS TO INDIVIDUALS AND HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents (a)	Responses per respondent (b)	Estimated annual responses (a) × (b) = (c)	Estimated time for response (hours) (d)	Estimated burden (hour/year) (c) × (d) = (e)	Rate <sup>2</sup> (\$/hour) (f)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden (e) × (f) = (g)
1	Application for International Registration; PTO–2131.	409	1	409	.66 (40 minutes)	270	\$435	\$117,450
2	Request for Extension of Protection of International Registration to the United States (WIPO).	1,840	1	1,840	1	1,840	435	800,400
3	Response to Notice of Irregularity; PTO–2133.	43	1	43	.66 (40 minutes)	28	435	12,180
4	Replacement Request; PTO–2314	1	1	1	.75 (45 minutes)	1	435	435
5	Transformation Request; PTO–2315.	1	1	1	.66 (40 minutes)	1	435	435
6	Petition to Director to Review Denial of Certification of International Application; PTO–2316.	2	1	2	1.25 (75 minutes)	3	435	1,305
7	Application for Subsequent Designation; PTO–2132.	39	1	39	1.25 (75 minutes)	49	435	21,315
8	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71; PTO–1663.	248	1	248	.66 (40 minutes)	164	435	71,340
9	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15; PTO–1683.	122	1	122	.66 (40 minutes)	81	435	35,235
10	Petition to Director for an International Application/Registration; PTO–2317.	2	1	2	.66 (40 minutes)	1	435	435
	Totals	2,707		2,707		2,438		1,060,530

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden:* \$21,516,380. This information collection has no capital start-up, maintenance costs, or recordkeeping costs. However, this

information collection does have annual costs in the form of filing fees and postage costs.

*Filing Fees:* Filing fees are charged per class of goods or services and can vary

depending on the number of classes. The filing fees shown here are based on the minimum fee of one class per document associated with this information collection.

TABLE 3—ESTIMATED TOTAL ANNUAL RESPONDENT FILING FEE COST BURDEN

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (yr) (a) × (b) = (c)
1	Application for International Registration (for certifying an international application based on a single basic application or registration, per international class) (TEAS).	6,959	\$100	\$695,900
1	Application for International Registration (for certifying an international application based on a single basic application or registration, per international class) (paper).	1	200	200
1	Application for International Registration (for certifying an international application based on more than one basic application or registration, per international class) (TEAS).	1,228	150	184,200
1	Application for International Registration (for certifying an international application based on more than one basic application or registration, per international class) (paper).	1	250	250
2	Request for Extension of Protection of International Registration to the United States (WIPO).	36,800	500	18,400,000
3	Transmitting a Subsequent Designation under Section 7.21 (TEAS)	779	100	77,900
3	Transmitting a Subsequent Designation under Section 7.21 (paper)	1	200	200
4	Notice of Replacement under Section 7.28 (per international class) (TEAS)	10	100	1,000
4	Notice of Replacement under Section 7.28 (per international class) (paper)	1	200	200
6	Transformation Request (per international class) (TEAS)	2	350	700
6	Transformation Request (per international class) (paper)	1	750	750
7	Petition to Director to Review Denial of Certification of International Application (TEAS).	5	250	1,250
7	Petition to Director to Review Denial of Certification of International Application (paper).	1	350	350
8	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71 (per international class) (TEAS).	4,951	225	1,113,975
8	Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse of Mark in Commerce Under Section 71 (per international class) (paper).	1	325	325
9	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15 (per international class) (TEAS).	2,439	425	1,036,575
9	Combined Declaration of Continued Use/Excusable Nonuse and Incontestability Under Sections 71 and 15 (per international class) (paper).	1	625	625
10	Petition to Director for an International Application/Registration (TEAS)	2	250	500
10	Petition to Director for an International Application/Registration (paper)	1	350	350
10	Request to Record an Assignment or Restriction, or Release of a Restriction, under Sections 7.23 and 7.24 (TEAS).	8	100	800
10	Request to Record an Assignment or Restriction, or Release of a Restriction, under Section 7.23 and 7.24 (paper).	1	200	200
Total		53,193		21,516,250

*Postage Costs:*

Although the USPTO requires that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, the items may, in limited situations, be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). Approximately 14 submissions per year are estimated to be mailed to the USPTO. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail flat rate legal envelope will be \$9.25. Therefore, the USPTO estimates \$130 in postage costs associated with this information collection.

**IV. Request for Comments**

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

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(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.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII)

in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

**Kimberly Hardy,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Charter Amendment of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees—U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Charter amendment and name change of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is publishing this notice to announce that it is amending the charter for the U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board and changing its name to the Department of the Air Force Scientific Advisory Board (DAF SAB).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Freeman, DoD Advisory Committee Management Officer, 703-692-5952.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board will now be known as the DAF SAB, and its charter is being amended in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., Appendix) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d). The charter and contact information for the DAF SAB's Designated Federal Officer (DFO) are found at <https://www.facadatabase.gov/FACA/apex/FACAPublicAgencyNavigation>.

The DAF SAB provides the Secretary of Defense and Deputy Secretary of Defense with independent advice and recommendations on matters supporting the Department of the Air Force's (DAF) scientific and technical enterprise and specifically on matters pertaining to (a) conducting studies on topics deemed critical by the Secretary of the Air Force; (b) recommending applications of technology to improve DAF capabilities; and (c) providing independent reviews of the quality and relevance of the DAF science and technology (S&T) programs. The DAF SAB is composed of no more than 20 members who are eminent authorities in the fields of defense and/or S&T. These members come from varied backgrounds such as science,

technology, manufacturing, acquisition, logistics, public or private sector business management, Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, National Laboratories, and academia (universities and colleges).

Individual members are appointed according to DoD policy and procedures, and serve a term of service of one-to-four years with annual renewals. One member will be appointed as Chair of the DAF SAB. No member, unless approved according to DoD policy and procedures, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the DAF SAB, or serve on more than two DoD Federal advisory committees at one time.

DAF SAB members who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services, are appointed as experts or consultants, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109, to serve as special government employee members. DAF SAB members who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal civilian officers or employees, or active duty members of the Uniformed Services are appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a), to serve as regular government employee members.

All DAF SAB members are appointed to provide advice based on their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest. Except for reimbursement of official DAF SAB-related travel and per diem, members serve without compensation.

The public or interested organizations may submit written statements about the DAF SAB's mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of planned meeting of the DAF SAB. All written statements shall be submitted to the DFO for the DAF SAB, and this individual will ensure that the written statements are provided to the membership for their consideration.

Dated: February 4, 2022.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### Applications for New Awards; Educational Technology, Media, and Materials for Individuals With Disabilities Program—Educational Materials in Accessible Formats for Eligible Children and Students With Disabilities

**AGENCY:** Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Education (Department) is issuing a notice inviting applications for new awards for fiscal year (FY) 2022 for Educational Materials in Accessible Formats for Eligible Children and Students with Disabilities, Assistance Listing Number 84.327D. This notice relates to the approved information collection under OMB control number 1820-0028.

**DATES:**

*Applications Available:* February 9, 2022.

*Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* April 11, 2022.

*Deadline for Intergovernmental Review:* June 9, 2022.

*Pre-Application Webinar Information:* No later than 5 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE **Federal Register**, the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) will post details on pre-recorded informational webinars designed to provide technical assistance to interested applicants. Links to the webinars may be found at [www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html](http://www2.ed.gov/fund/grant/apply/osep/new-osep-grants.html).

**ADDRESSES:** For the addresses for obtaining and submitting an application, please refer to our Common Instructions for Applicants to Department of Education Discretionary Grant Programs, published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2021 (86 FR 73264) and available at [www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-27979](http://www.federalregister.gov/d/2021-27979). Please note that these Common Instructions supersede the version published on February 13, 2019, and, in part, describe the transition from the requirement to register in SAM.gov a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number to the implementation of the Unique Entity Identifier (UEI). More information on the phase-out of DUNS numbers is available at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/fof/docs/unique-entity-identifier-transition-fact-sheet.pdf>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carlene Reid, U.S. Department of