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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2021-0016]

#### New Implementation Date for Patent Practitioner Registration Statement

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

**ACTION:** Notice of revised implementation date.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO or Office) is delaying the implementation of the biennial mandatory registration statement required from registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters indefinitely.

**DATES:** *Delayed Implementation Date:* The USPTO anticipates that the collection of the registration statement will not start until approximately 2025. The USPTO will provide a six months advance notice prior to the collection of the registration statement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Will Covey, Deputy General Counsel and OED Director, at 571-272-4097 or at [oed@uspto.gov](mailto:oed@uspto.gov). Please direct media inquiries to the USPTO's Office of the Chief Communications Officer at 571-272-8400.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the final rule, Setting and Adjusting Patent Fees During Fiscal Year 2020, 85 FR 46932 (August 3, 2020), registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters may be required to biennially submit a mandatory registration statement. See 37 CFR 11.11(a)(2). In the final rule, the USPTO anticipated that practitioners would be required to submit a registration statement in the spring of 2022, and that patent practitioners would make the voluntary Continuing Legal Education (CLE) certification when submitting the registration statement. 85 FR 46932, at 46948.

On October 9, 2020, the USPTO published a request for comments (RFC) seeking public input on proposed CLE

guidelines. 85 FR 64128. The RFC provided that pursuant to the final rule published on August 3, 2020, registered patent practitioners and individuals granted limited recognition to practice before the USPTO in patent matters will be required to biennially submit a mandatory registration statement beginning on March 1, 2022. The comment period closed on January 7, 2021. The USPTO received 26 comments, addressing both the proposed CLE guidelines and the provisions of the final patent fee rule which establish the biennial electronic registration statement.

After considering numerous factors, on June 10, 2021, the USPTO issued a notice of revised implementation date which stated that the USPTO has decided to delay the implementation of the registration statement. 86 FR 30920. The decision to delay was based on the USPTO's consideration of public comments received regarding the registration statement in response to the RFC on the proposed CLE guidelines. The USPTO's decision was also based on a close analysis of operational priorities and budget. The USPTO noted that delaying implementation of the registration statement will allow the Office to conserve resources by integrating the registration statement with other USPTO information systems. Therefore, the USPTO anticipated that the collection of the registration statement would begin on November 1, 2024.

The USPTO has decided to delay the implementation of the registration statement. The decision to delay is based on a close analysis of operational priorities and budget. The USPTO notes that delaying implementation of the registration statement will allow the Office to conserve resources by integrating the registration statement with other USPTO information systems. Therefore, the USPTO anticipates that the collection of the registration statement will not start until approximately 2025.

Once a new date for collection of the registration statement is certain, the public will be given a six months advance notice.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions and Deletions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds a service(s) to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Date added to the Procurement List:* May 14, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, 355 E Street SW, Suite 325, Washington, DC 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael R. Jurkowski, Telephone: (703) 785-6404, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Additions

On 1/13/2023 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice of proposed additions to the Procurement List. This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 8503 (a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service(s) and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the p service(s) listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

##### Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the product(s) and service(s) to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the product(s) and service(s) to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish

the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501–8506) in connection with the and service(s) proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

#### End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service(s) are added to the Procurement List:

#### Service(s)

*Service Type:* Custodial Services.

*Mandatory for:* Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, Fort Shafter, HI.

*Designated Source of Supply:* Work Now Hawaii, Honolulu, HI.

*Contracting Activity:* FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, REGION 9: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AN.

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038–0090: Adaptation of Regulations To Incorporate Swaps-Records of Transactions; Exclusion of Utility Operations Related Swaps With Utility Special Entities From De Minimis Threshold for Swaps With Special Entities

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC or Commission) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed renewal of a collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment. This notice solicits comments on the recordkeeping obligations set forth in certain aspects of certain Commission regulations.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 13, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by “OMB Control No. 3038–0090” by any of the following methods:

- The Agency’s website, at <https://comments.cftc.gov/>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the website.

- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail above.

Please submit your comments using only one method. All comments must be submitted in English, or if not, accompanied by an English translation. Comments will be posted as received to <https://www.cftc.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Chapin, Associate Chief Counsel, Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418–5465, email: [achapin@cftc.gov](mailto:achapin@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. “Collection of Information” is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3 and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the collection of information listed below. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*Title:* Adaptation of Regulations to Incorporate Swaps-Records of Transactions; Exclusion of Utility Operations Related Swaps with Utility Special Entities from De Minimis Threshold for Swaps with Special Entities (OMB Control No. 3038–0090). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Title VII of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act, Pub. L. No. 111–203, 124 Stat. 1376 (2010)) amended the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) to establish a comprehensive new statutory framework for swaps. These amendments required the Commodity Futures Trading Commission to amend

several of its regulations to implement the new framework.

The information collection obligations imposed by the “Adaptation of Regulations to Incorporate Swaps” final regulations<sup>1</sup> are necessary to implement section 721 of the Dodd-Frank Act, which amended the definitions of futures commission merchant (FCM) and introducing broker (IB) to permit these intermediaries to trade swaps on behalf of customers. They also are necessary to implement section 733 of the Dodd-Frank Act which introduced swap execution facilities (SEFs) as a new trading platform for swaps. As a result of the enactment of sections 721 and 733, the Commission needed to amend certain recordkeeping regulations (1.31, 1.33, 1.35, 1.37, and 1.39) so that records of swap transactions are maintained analogously to how futures transactions are maintained.

Further, the “Exclusion of Utility Operations-Related Swaps with Utility Special Entities From De Minimis Threshold for Swaps with Special Entities”<sup>2</sup> regulation amended the Commission’s swap dealer definition to permit a person to exclude “utility operations-related swaps” with “utility special entities” in their de minimis threshold calculations. The regulation requires a person claiming the exclusion to maintain in accordance with Commission regulation 1.31 any written representations that the person receives from utility special entities related to this exclusion.

The information collection burdens associated with these regulations (collectively, the “Swap Recordkeeping Requirements”) are restricted to the costs associated with the recordkeeping and reporting requirements that these regulations impose upon affected registrants, registered entities, those registered entities’ members, and other respondents covered by the final rules.

With respect to the collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

<sup>1</sup> Adaptation of Regulations to Incorporate Swaps, 77 FR 66288 (Nov. 2, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> Exclusion of Utility Operations-Related Swaps With Utility Special Entities From De Minimis Threshold for Swaps With Special Entities, 79 FR 57767 (Sept. 26, 2014).