

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office****Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Actions**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on this information collection renewal, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 5, 2023, during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comment.

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

Title: Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB) Actions.

OMB Control Number: 0651-0040.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO administers the Trademark Act of 1946, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, as amended, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective marks and certification marks. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register their marks with the USPTO.

Section 13 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1063, allows individuals and entities who believe that they would be damaged by the registration of a mark to file an opposition, or an extension of time to file an opposition, to the registration of the mark. Section 14 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1064, allows individuals and entities to file a petition to cancel a registration of a mark. Section 20 of the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1070, allows individuals and entities to appeal any final decision of the examiner in charge of the registration of marks or a final decision by an examiner in an *ex parte* expungement proceeding or *ex parte* reexamination proceeding.

The USPTO administers certain provisions of the Trademark Act of 1946 through the regulations at 37 CFR part 2, which contains the various rules that govern the filings identified above and

other submissions filed in connection with *inter partes* and *ex parte* proceedings. These petitions, notices, extensions, and additional papers are filed with the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board (TTAB), an administrative tribunal empowered to determine the right to register and subsequently determine the validity of a trademark. The information in this collection must be submitted electronically through the TTAB's electronic filing system. If applicants or entities wish to submit the petitions, notices, extensions, and additional papers in *inter partes* and *ex parte* cases, they may use the forms provided through the TTAB's electronic filing system.

This information collection includes the items needed for individuals or entities to file *inter partes* and *ex parte* proceedings regarding federal registration of their trademarks or service marks. Information is collected in view of the provisions of the Trademark Act of 1946. The responses in this information collection are a matter of public record, and are used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights. This information is important to the public, as both common law trademark owners and federal trademark registrants must actively protect their own rights.

Form Number(s):

- PTO 2120 (Notice of Opposition)
- PTO 2151 (Papers in *Inter Partes* Cases)
- PTO 2153 (Request for Extension of Time to File an Opposition)
- PTO 2188 (Petition for Cancellation)
- PTO 2189 (Ex Parte Appeal General Filing)
- PTO 2190 (Notice of Appeal)

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

Affected Public: Private sector.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual

Respondents: 41,300 respondents.

Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 76,650 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public from 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to 21 hours to complete, depending on the complexity of the situation and item, to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate documents, and submit them to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,038,747 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-Hourly Cost Burden: \$9,080,047.

This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0040.

Further information can be obtained by:

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0040 information request" in the subject line of the message.

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

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Extend Collection 3038-0091: Disclosure and Retention of Certain Information Relating to Cleared Swaps Customer Collateral**

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 proposed extension of the existing collection of information

relating to Cleared Swaps Customer Collateral.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before October 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by “OMB Control No. 3038–0091” by any of the following methods:

- *CFTC Website:* <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 and identify that it is for the renewal of Collection Number 3038–0091. 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:

Maria Aguilar-Rocha, Attorney Advisor, Market Participants Division, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, (202) 418–5840, maguilar-rocha@cftc.gov, and refer to OMB Control No. 3038–0091.

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 proposed extension of an existing 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: Disclosure and Retention of Certain Information Relating to Cleared Swaps Customer Collateral (OMB Control No. 3038–0091). This is a

request for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: Section 724(a) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, Public Law 111–023, 124 stat. 1376, amended the Commodity Exchange Act (“CEA”), 7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*, to add, as section 4d(f) thereof, provisions concerning the protection of collateral provided by a Cleared Swaps Customer to margin, guaranty, or secure a swap cleared by or through a derivatives clearing organization (“DCO”). Broadly speaking, in cleared swaps transactions customers provide collateral to futures commission merchants (“FCMs”) through whom they clear their transactions. FCMs, in turn, may provide customer collateral to DCOs, through which FCMs clear transactions for their customers. 17 CFR part 22 is intended to implement CEA section 4d(f). Several of the sections of part 22 require collections of information.

Section 22.2(g) requires each FCM with Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts to compute daily the amount of Cleared Swaps Customer Collateral on deposit in Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts, the amount of such collateral required to be on deposit in such accounts and the amount of the FCM’s residual financial interest in such accounts. The purpose of this collection of information is to help ensure that FCMs’ Cleared Swaps Customer Accounts are in compliance at all times with statutory and regulatory requirements for such accounts.

Section 22.5(a) requires an FCM or DCO to obtain, from each depository with which it deposits cleared swaps customer funds, a letter acknowledging that such funds belong to the Cleared Swaps Customers of the FCM, and not the FCM itself or any other person. The purpose of this collection of information is to confirm that the depository understands its responsibilities with respect to protection of cleared swaps customer funds.

Section 22.11 requires each FCM that intermediates cleared swaps for customers on or subject to the rules of a DCO, whether directly as a clearing member or indirectly through a Collecting FCM, to provide the DCO with information sufficient to identify each customer of the FCM whose swaps are cleared by the FCM. Section 22.11 also requires the FCM, at least once daily, to provide the DCO with information sufficient to identify each customer’s portfolio of rights and obligations arising out of cleared swaps intermediated by the FCM. The purpose of this collection of information is to facilitate risk management by DCOs in

the event of default by the FCM, to enable DCOs to perform their duty, pursuant to § 22.15, to treat the collateral attributed to each customer of the FCM on an individual basis.

Section 22.12 requires that each DCO and FCM, on a daily basis, calculate, based on information received pursuant to § 22.11 and on information generated and used in the ordinary course of business by the DCO or FCM, and record certain information about the amount of collateral required for each Cleared Swaps Customer and the sum of these amounts. As with § 22.11, the purpose of this collection of information is to facilitate risk management by DCOs and in the event of default by the FCM, to enable DCOs to perform their duty, pursuant to § 22.15, to treat the collateral attributed to each customer of the FCM on an individual basis.

Section 22.16 requires that each FCM who has Cleared Swaps Customers disclose to each of such customers the governing provisions, as established by DCO rules or customer agreements between collecting and depositing FCMs, relating to use of customer collateral, transfer, neutralization of the risks, or liquidation of cleared swaps in the event of a default by a Depositing FCM relating to a Cleared Swaps Customer Account. The purpose of this collection of information is to ensure that Cleared Swaps Customers are informed of the procedures to which accounts containing their swaps collateral may be subject in the event of a default by their FCM.

Section 22.17 requires that each FCM produce a written notice of the reasons and the details concerning withdrawals from a Cleared Swaps Customers Account not for the benefit of Cleared Swap Customers if such withdrawal will exceed 25% of the FCMs residual interest in such account.

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

- Whether the proposed extension of 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;

- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Ways to minimize the burden of 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.

You should submit only information that you wish to make available publicly. If you wish the Commission to consider information that you believe is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, a petition for confidential treatment of the exempt information may be submitted according to the procedures established in § 145.9 of the Commission's regulations.¹

The Commission reserves the right, but shall have no obligation, to review, pre-screen, filter, redact, refuse or remove any or all of your submission from <https://www.cftc.gov> that it may deem to be inappropriate for publication, such as obscene language. All submissions that have been redacted or removed that contain comments on the merits of the ICR will be retained in the public comment file and will be considered as required under the Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws, and may be accessible under the Freedom of Information Act.

Burden Statement: The Commission is revising its estimate of the burden for this collection for 75 respondents (60 FCMs and 15 DCOs). The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to be as follows:

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Average Burden Hours per Respondent: 334.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 25,050.

Frequency of Collection: Section 22.2(g)—Daily. Section 22.5(a)—Once. Section 22.11—Daily. Section 22.12—Daily. Section 22.16—Once. Section 22.17—On occasion.

There is no capital cost associated with this collection.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*)

Dated: August 24, 2023.

Christopher Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 88 FR 56607, August 18, 2023.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF THE MEETING: 9:00 a.m. EDT, Friday, August 25, 2023.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The meeting has been canceled.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, 202-418-5964.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: August 24, 2023.

Christopher Kirkpatrick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

[AFD 2216]

Notice of Intent To Grant an Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Bayh-Dole Act and implementing regulations, the Department of the Air Force hereby gives notice of its intent to grant an exclusive patent license to University of Florida Research Foundation, Inc. ("UFRF") having a place of business at 310 Walker Hall, Gainesville, Florida 32611.

DATES: Written objections must be filed no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the date of publication of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit written objections to Karleine M. Justice, Office of Research and Technical Applications, Air Force Institute of Technology, 2950 Hobson Way, Bldg 641, Rm 101C, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765; Phone: (937) 255-3636 x4396; or Email: afit.cz.orta@us.af.mil. Include Docket No. AFD 2216 in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karleine M. Justice, Office of Research and Technical Applications, Air Force Institute of Technology, 2950 Hobson Way, Bldg 641, Rm 101C, Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433-7765; Phone: (937) 255-3636 x4396; or Email: afit.cz.orta@us.af.mil.

Abstract of patent application(s): Tethered Alkylidynes and Methods of Making the same. Such compounds can be used as a catalyst to form cyclic polymers.

Intellectual property:

PCT Application PCT/US2022/043643, filed September 15, 2022.

The Department of the Air Force may grant the prospective license unless a timely objection is received that

sufficiently shows the grant of the license would be inconsistent with the Bayh-Dole Act or implementing regulations. A competing application for a patent license agreement, completed in compliance with 37 CFR 404.8 and received by the Air Force within the period for timely objections, will be treated as an objection and may be considered as an alternative to the proposed license.

Authority: 35 U.S.C. 209; 37 CFR 404.

Tommy W. Lee,

Acting Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee for the Prevention of Sexual Misconduct (DAC-PSM) will take place.

DATES: DAC-PSM will hold a meeting open to the public on Thursday, September 21, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The meeting may be accessed by videoconference. Information for accessing the videoconference will be provided after registering. (Pre-meeting registration is required. See guidance in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, "Meeting Accessibility".)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Suzanne Holroyd, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), (571) 372-2652 (voice), osd.mc-alex.ousd-p-r.mbx.DAC-PSM@mail.mil (email). Website:

www.sapr.mil/DAC-PSM. The most up-to-date changes to the meeting agenda can be found on the website.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), section 552b of title 5, U.S.C. (commonly known as the "Government in the Sunshine Act"),

¹ 17 CFR 145.9.