

TABLE 2—FILING FEES

Item No.	Fee code	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
1	7009	Use-Based Trademark/Service Mark Applications (TEAS Standard)	71,914	\$350	\$25,169,900
1	7007	Use-Based Trademark/Service Mark Applications (TEAS Plus)	217,872	250	54,468,000
1	6001	Use-Based Trademark/Service Mark Applications (Paper)	1	750	750
2	7009	Intent to Use Trademark/Service Mark Application (TEAS Standard)	121,227	350	42,429,450
2	7007	Intent to Use Trademark/Service Mark Application (TEAS Plus)	142,832	250	35,708,000
2	6001	Intent to Use Trademark/Service Mark Application (Paper)	1	750	750
3	7009	Applications for Registration of Trademark/Service Mark under 37 CFR 44 (TEAS Standard).	18,632	350	6,521,200
3	7007	Applications for Registration of Trademark/Service Mark under 37 CFR 44 (TEAS Plus).	8,897	250	2,224,250
3	6001	Applications for Registration of Trademark/Service Mark under 37 CFR 44 (Paper).	1	750	750
Totals			581,377		166,523,050

Processing Fees

The USPTO charges a processing fee of \$100 per class for TEAS Plus applications that do not meet the TEAS

Plus filing requirements. The total processing fees associated with this information collection can vary depending on the number of classes in each application.

The total processing fees shown in the table below reflect the minimum processing fees associated with this information collection.

TABLE 3—PROCESSING FEES

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual responses (a)	Filing Fee (\$) (b)	Non-hourly cost burden (a) × (b) = (c)
1	Processing fee for use-based application that fails to meet the additional filing requirements for reduced filing fee (TEAS Plus).	1,911	\$100	\$191,100
2	Processing fee for intent-to-use application that fails to meet the additional filing requirements for reduced filing fee (TEAS Plus).	1,742	100	174,200
3	Processing fee for Section 44 application that fails to meet the additional filing requirements for reduced filing fee (TEAS Plus).	182	100	18,200
Totals		3,835		383,500

Postage Costs

In limited circumstances, applicants may be permitted to submit the information in paper form by mail, fax, or hand delivery. Applicants and registrants incur postage costs when submitting information to the USPTO by mail through the United States Postal Service. The USPTO estimates that 3 items will be submitted in the mail. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope, will be \$10.15. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection at \$30.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

- (a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency’s estimate of the burden of the 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. The 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, the

USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on a Commercial Availability Request Under the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: On February 20, 2024, the Government of the United States (“United States”) received a request from the Government of Canada

(“Canada”) to initiate consultations under Article 6.4.1 of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (“USMCA”). Canada is requesting that the United States and Mexico (with Canada, collectively “the Parties”) consider changing the rules of origin for certain end-use fabrics used in the production of fire hose based on the lack of commercial availability for certain high-tenacity polyester yarns in the territories of the Parties. The yarns are described as high-tenacity polyester yarn, single or multiple, multifilament, untwisted, untextured, and measuring more than 920 decitex, used in the production of fire hose, with or without lining, armor or accessories of other materials. The President of the United States may proclaim a modification to the USMCA rules of origin for textile and apparel products if the United States reaches an agreement with Canada and Mexico on a modification under Article 6.4.3 of the USMCA to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. The President authorized, in Presidential Proclamation 10053 (July 1, 2020), the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (“CITA”) to review requests for modifications to a rule of origin for textile and apparel goods based on a change in the availability of the textile or apparel good in the territory of the Parties, and to make a recommendation as to whether a requested modification is warranted. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request to modify the USMCA rules of origin, particularly regarding whether certain high-tenacity polyester yarns used in the production of fire hose can be supplied by the U.S. domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by May 24, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit public comments electronically to the Chairman,

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements at OTEXA.USMCA@trade.gov. Please see the instructions below for information on other means of submission and/or the submission of comments containing business confidential information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurie Mease, Office of Textiles and Apparel (“OTEXA”), U.S. Department of Commerce, Laurie.Mease@trade.gov or (202) 482–2043.

For Further Information Online: <https://www.trade.gov/fta-commercial-availability-usmca>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Authority: Article 6.4 of the USMCA; Section 103(c)(5)(B)(ii) of the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement Implementation Act (“USMCA Implementation Act”); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; Presidential Proclamation 10053 of July 1, 2020 (85 FR 39826).

Background: Under the USMCA, the Parties are required to eliminate customs duties on textile and apparel goods that qualify as originating goods under the USMCA rules of origin, which are set out in Annex 4–B of the USMCA. Article 6.4.1 of the USMCA provides that, on the request of a Party, the Parties shall consult to consider whether the rules of origin applicable to a particular textile or apparel good should be revised to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. In the consultations, pursuant to Article 6.4.2 of the USMCA, each Party shall consider the data presented by the other Parties demonstrating substantial production in its territory of a particular fiber, yarn, or fabric. The Parties shall consider that there is substantial production if a Party demonstrates that its domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the fiber, yarn, or fabric in a timely manner.

The USMCA Implementation Act provides the President with the

authority to proclaim, as part of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, such modifications to the USMCA rules of origin set out in Annex 4–B of the USMCA as are necessary to implement an agreement with Canada and Mexico under Article 6.4.3 of the USMCA, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of Section 104 of the USMCA Implementation Act. (See section 103(c)(5)(B)(ii) of the United States–Mexico–Canada Agreement Implementation Act, Pub. L. 116–113.)

Executive Order 11651 established CITA to supervise the implementation of textile trade agreements and authorizes the Chairman of CITA to take actions or recommend that appropriate officials or agencies of the United States take actions necessary to implement textile trade agreements. (See 37 FR 4699 (March 3, 1972), reprinted as amended in 7 U.S.C. 1854 note.). The President authorized CITA to “review requests for modifications to a rule of origin for textile and apparel goods based on a change in the availability in the territories of the [Parties] of a particular fiber, yarn, or fabric” and to recommend to the President “whether a requested modification to a rule of origin for a textile good based on a change in the availability of a particular fiber, yarn, or fabric is warranted” in Presidential Proclamation 10053.

The President may use this recommendation from CITA as part of the consultations with the Parties regarding the proposed change to the USMCA rules of origin.

On February 20, 2024, Canada submitted a request to the United States and Mexico to consult on whether the USMCA rule of origin for certain end-use fabrics for use in fire hose should be modified to allow the use of certain high-tenacity polyester yarns that are not originating under the USMCA. The yarns subject to this request and their specific end uses are described below.

Input product description	Input product classification, harmonized tariff schedule of the U.S. (HTSUS)	End use product description	End-use product classification (HTSUS)
High-tenacity polyester yarn, single or multiple, multifilament, untwisted, untextured, and measuring more than 920 decitex.	5402.20	Fire hose, with or without lining, armor or accessories of other materials.	5909

CITA is soliciting public comments on this request, particularly with respect to whether the yarns described above can be supplied by the U.S. domestic industry in commercial quantities in a

timely manner. If a comment alleges that the yarn described above can be supplied by a U.S. supplier in commercial quantities in a timely manner, OTEXA, which provides staff

support to CITA, will closely review any supporting documentation, such as a signed statement by a manufacturer of the yarn stating that it produces the yarn that is the subject of this request,

information on quantities that can be supplied and the time necessary to fill an order, as well as any relevant information on past production.

Complete comments, including any attachments and submissions containing confidential business information (CBI), must be received no later than May 24, 2024.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments not containing CBI electronically to the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements at OTEXA.USMCA@trade.gov. If interested persons are unable to submit comments electronically, please contact Laurie Mease at Laurie.Mease@trade.gov or 202-482-2043 for instructions on other means of submission.

For those seeking to submit comments with CBI for government use only, please clearly mark such submissions as CBI and submit an accompanying version redacting the CBI to be made public. Submissions containing CBI may be submitted electronically through the Department of Commerce's secure online file sharing tool. Access to the secure electronic system will be by invitation only. Interested persons planning to file a submission containing CBI should contact Laurie Mease at Laurie.Mease@trade.gov for instructions before submitting any documents (either public or confidential versions) to CITA.

CITA will protect any information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. Information marked as business confidential will be shared with OTEXA staff tasked with reviewing responses to this request for comment, and may be shared with CITA members, at the request of the CITA member, as they consider making a recommendation with respect to a modification of the USMCA rules of origin. CBI will not be shared with representatives of the Governments of Canada and Mexico during consultation among the Parties as they consider whether to modify the USMCA rules of origin, as discussed above.

Public versions of all comments received will be posted on OTEXA's website for commercial availability proceedings under the USMCA: <https://www.trade.gov/fta-commercial-availability-usmca>.

Jennifer Knight,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2024-OS-0040]

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Defense Contract Audit Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of a modified system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, the DoD is modifying and reissuing a current system of records titled, "DCAA Management Information System (DMIS), RDCAA 590.8." This system of records was originally established by the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) to collect and maintain records on audit requirements, programs, and performance and to provide timekeepers with access to time and attendance records. This system of records notice (SORN) is being updated to change the SORN title from "DCAA Management Information System (DMIS)" to "DCAA Portfolio Management System Records." The DoD is also modifying various other sections within the SORN to improve clarity or update information that has changed.

DATES: This system of records is effective upon publication; however, comments on the Routine Uses will be accepted on or before May 24, 2024. The Routine Uses are effective at the close of the comment period.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by either of the following methods:

* *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

* *Mail:* Department of Defense, Office of the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Privacy, Civil Liberties, and Transparency, Regulatory Directorate, 4800 Mark Center Drive, Attn: Mailbox 24, Suite 08D09, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Keith Mastromichalis, FOIA, Privacy, and Civil Liberties Officer, Defense

Contract Audit Agency, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 2135, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6219, keith.o.mastromichalis.civ@mail.mil, (571) 448-3153.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The DCAA Management Information System is used to collect and maintain records on audit requirements, programs, and performance as well as to plan, perform, and oversee non-audit projects supporting Agency mission and initiatives. This system of records name is changing from "DCAA Management Information System" to "DCAA Portfolio Management System Records." Subject to public comment, the DoD is updating this SORN to add the standard DoD routine uses (A through J). Additionally, the following sections of this SORN are being modified as follows: (1) to the System Manager and System Location sections to update system name and Location to reflect the cloud environment; (2) to the Authority for Maintenance of the System to update citations and add additional authorities; (3) to the Purpose of the System section to clarify the scope of the system; (4) to the Categories of Records in the System to add additional categories and to remove Social Security Number; (5) to the Purpose to provide clarity on the scope of collection; (6) to the Records Source Categories to add additional sources; (7) to the Records Storage Section to update storage medium in which records are maintained; to Retrievability to reduce the identifiers listed for records retrieval; (8) to the Record Access, Notification, and Contesting Record Procedures section, to reflect the need for individuals to identify the appropriate DoD office and/or component to direct their request and to update the appropriate citation for contesting records. and (9) to the Record Source Categories to list the appropriate Federal information systems.

DoD SORNs have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** or at the Privacy and Civil Liberties Directorate website at <https://dpcl.d.defense.gov>.

II. Privacy Act

Under the Privacy Act, a "system of records" is a group of records under the control of an agency from which information is retrieved by the name of an individual or by some identifying number, symbol, or other identifying particular assigned to the individual. In the Privacy Act, an individual is defined as a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident.