

to study foraging distribution. The permit would be valid for 10 years from the date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 22, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

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

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

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (hereafter “USPTO” or “Agency”) 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 the information collection renewal of 0651–0040, which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the reporting burden to the public. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on June 10, 2026, during a 60-day comment period (91 FR 35180). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before October 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within

30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, <https://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. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

- **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.

- **Telephone:** Latoya Brown, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, 571–272–4283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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

OMB Control Number: 0651–0040.

Abstract: 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 to the registration of the mark and to file a request for an extension of time to file an opposition. 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 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* proceedings, 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 pursuant to 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.

Forms:

- 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 benefits.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Number of Annual

Respondents: 44,550 respondents.

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Responses: 76,000 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: The USPTO estimates that the responses to this information collection will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to 21 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed item(s) to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 1,016,891 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Non-hourly Cost Burden: \$10,725,464. Since the publication of the 60-day notice, the USPTO has updated the postage costs associated with this information collection. The UPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail legal flat rate envelope, will be \$13.25. The USPTO estimates approximately 35 submissions per year may be mailed to the USPTO, for an estimated total postage cost of \$464 per year. This results in a decrease of \$303 in non-hourly cost burden, for a new estimated total annual respondent non-hourly cost burden of \$10,725,464.

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

Determination Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic–Central America–United States Free Trade Agreement (“CAFTA–DR”)

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

ACTION: Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (“CITA”) has determined that certain polyester/cuprammonium yarn-dyed twill lining fabric, as specified below, is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA–DR countries. The product is added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR in unrestricted quantities.

DATES: *Applicable Date:* September 25, 2026.

ADDRESSES: <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/requests/cafta> under “Approved Requests,” File Number: CA2026005.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The CAFTA–DR; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic–

Central America–United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (“CAFTA–DR Implementation Act”), Public Law 109–53; the Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act; and Presidential Proclamation 7987 (February 28, 2006).

Background: The CAFTA–DR provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA–DR have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA–DR provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25.4, when the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. *See* Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR; *see also* section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.

The CAFTA–DR Implementation Act requires the President to establish procedures governing the submission of a request and providing opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence before a commercial availability determination is made. In Presidential Proclamation 7987, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA–DR Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. Pursuant to this authority, on September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to the CAFTA–DR (*Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic–Central America–United States Free Trade Agreement*, 73 FR 53200) (“CITA’s Procedures”).

On August 14, 2026, CITA received a Commercial Availability Request (“Request”) from BK House LLC for certain polyester/cuprammonium yarn-dyed twill lining fabric, as specified below. On August 18, 2026, in accordance with CITA’s Procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA–DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply (“Response”) must be submitted by August 28, 2026, and any Rebuttal to a Response (“Rebuttal”) must be submitted by September 3, 2026, in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of CITA’s Procedures. No interested entity

submitted a Response to the Request advising CITA of its objection to the Request with an offer to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, and section 8(c)(2) of CITA’s Procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and providing an offer to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabric to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

The subject product has been added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA–DR Commercial Availability proceedings, at <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/shortsupply/cafta>.

Specifications: Certain Polyester/Cuprammonium Yarn-Dyed Twill Lining Fabric

HTS: 5407.93.20.

Fiber Content: 52% to 60% Polyester, 40% to 48% Cuprammonium.

Fabric Construction: Twill.

Fabric Finishing Processes: Yarn-dyed.

Weight: 72 to 82 g/m².

Width: 132.08 to 137.16 cm (52 to 54 inches).

Joshua Kroon,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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