

includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the

document, and submit the completed request to the USPTO.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 288 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Hourly Cost Burden: \$115,200.

TABLE 1—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ¹ (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Submissions Under CFR 1.55(k)	47	1.5	71	2	142	\$400	\$56,800
2	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6).	37	1.5	56	2	112	400	44,800
3	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(d)(6).	9	1.5	14	2	28	400	11,200
Total		96		141		282		112,800

¹ 2019 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); <https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2019-report-of-the-economic-survey>. The USPTO uses the mean rate for attorneys in private firms which is \$400 per hour.

TABLE 2—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR INDIVIDUALS OR HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate ² (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1	Submissions Under CFR 1.55(k)	1	1	1	2	2	\$400	\$800
2	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(6)	1	1	1	2	2	400	800
3	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.78(d)(6)	1	1	1	2	2	400	800
Total		3		3		6		2,400

² 2019 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); <https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2019-report-of-the-economic-survey>. The USPTO uses the mean rate for attorneys in private firms which is \$400 per hour.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Non-hourly) Cost Burden: \$8. There are no capital start-up, filing fees, recordkeeping, or maintenance costs associated with this information collection. However, the information collection may have annual (non-hour) costs in the form of postage costs.

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). The USPTO estimates that 1% of the items will be submitted in the mail resulting in 1 mailed item. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail 2-day flat rate legal envelope, will be \$8.25. Therefore, the USPTO estimates \$8 in postage costs associated with this information collection.

IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

- Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
- 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 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, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying 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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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 21.1]

Notice of Prehearing Conference

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of prehearing conference for *In the Matter of thyssenkrupp Access Corp., Inc.*; CPSC Docket No. 21–1.

DATES: Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: This event will be held remotely; Call-in Number: 888–370–8496; Passcode: 69953050

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alberta E. Mills, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Office of the General Counsel, Division of the

Secretariat, cpssc-os@cpssc.gov; 240–863–8938; 301–504–7479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Issues to be discussed at the conference are the items numbered (1) through (14) in 16 CFR 1025.21(a). The text of the Presiding Officer's September 29, 2021 Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference appears below.

Authority: Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2064.

Dated: September 29, 2021.

Alberta E. Mills,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

United States of America

Consumer Product Safety Commission

In the Matter of thyssenkrupp Access Corp.,
CPSC Docket No. 21–1
September 29, 2021

Order Scheduling Prehearing Conference

Pursuant to 16 CFR 1025.21, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge hereby schedules a prehearing conference in the above matter. In view of the social distancing precautions necessitated by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the prehearing conference shall be held by telephone as follows:

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021.

Time: 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Call-in Number: 888–370–8496; Passcode: 69953050.

In accordance with 16 CFR 1025.21(b), the issues to be addressed at the conference are the items numbered (1) through (14) in 16 CFR 1025.21(a). If the time of the conference is infeasible for any party, that party should promptly file a motion for a continuance. I direct that notice of this conference and a statement of the issues to be discussed shall be published in the **Federal Register** at least ten days in advance of the scheduled date. 16 CFR 1025.21(b)

A ruling on the parties' Joint Motion to Amend Discovery Schedule and for Protective Order will be forthcoming.

So ordered.

Done and dated September 29, 2021
Arlington, VA

/s/

Mary F. Withum,
Administrative Law Judge.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

[Docket ID: USA–2021–HQ–0022]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of the Army, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Information collection notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, Army Survivor Outreach Services announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by December 6, 2021.

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

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title 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 <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to United States Army Installation Management Command Headquarters, 2405 Gun Shed Road, Bldg. 2261 JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234, ATTN: Mrs. Kelly Frank, or call 210–466–1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Title;* Survivor Access Card Application Form; OMB Control Number 0702–SACA.

Needs and Uses: In accordance with AR 190–13, The Army Physical Security Program directed access to Army installations by Family members who are Gold Star and Next of Kin Surviving

members to receive services, attend events, view memorials, and similar activities. A Gold Star Family member is a Survivor of a Service member who has lost their life during any armed hostilities in which the United States was engaged and authorized to wear the Gold Star Lapel Button. The Next of Kin Family member is a Survivor of a Service member who lost their life while serving on active duty. Both Gold Star and Gold Star Next of Kin include Survivors of Service members who lose their lives while assigned to a reserve or National Guard unit in drill status. Eligible Survivors to receive the Gold Star Lapel Button or Gold Star Next of Kin (NOK) Lapel Button include the following: Widow or widower, parents, each child, stepchild, child through adoption, brother, half–brother, sister, half–sister or step–siblings. Eligible Survivors must first contact the installation level Survivor Outreach Services (SOS) support coordinator to verify eligibility and coordinate issuance of an installation access credential. Current procedures for obtaining a Survivor Access Card (SAC) direct the Survivor Outreach Service Staff members to assist Survivors in completing the application process for the SAC, verifying the Survivor's eligibility, and coordinating with the installation office responsible for issuing cards. The SAC is issued through the installation's Visitor Control Center. The collection instrument, Survivor Access Card Application Form, is obtained by eligible Surviving Family members from the SOS staff members. The collection instrument is completed electronically and in person by the eligible Surviving Family members, SOS staff members, and Physical Security Personnel. Eligible Surviving Family members are responding to the information collection to obtain the SAC which grants unescorted access onto Army installations to authorized facilities. The SOS staff member forwards the request to the local garrison Physical Security Office to conduct an NCIC–III check. After an applicant is approved, a SAC is issued through the local identification card section or the Automated Installation Entry (AIE) digital SAC is issued through the installation's Visitor Control Center.

Affected public: Individuals or households.

Annual burden hours: 670.

Number of respondents: 670.

Responses per respondent: 1.

Annual responses: 670.

Average burden per response: 1 hour.

Frequency: Once.