

The permit holder now requests authorization to: (1) Import up to 70 muscle tissue samples and 390 blood samples taken from grey seals on Sable Island, Canada during 2003; (2) import 400 blood plasma samples per year taken from captive hooded seals in Norway; (3) add Dr. Shawn N. Kramer as a co-investigator; and (4) extend the period of the permit through March 2005. The objectives of the studies are: to investigate the relationship between body mass at weaning, rate of mass loss and development of oxygen storage capacity during the post-weaning fast; the time of departure from the breeding grounds; and to conduct a validation study using captive hooded seals to determine details of foraging activity that will allow scientists to estimate body composition and to determine dose-response and kinetics of excretion of biomarkers.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: March 19, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Madrid Protocol.

Form Number(s): PTO-2131, PTO, 2132 and PTO-2133.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-XXXX.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 4,552 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 22,630 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 15 minutes (0.25 hours) to complete the international trademark application; 3 minutes (0.05 hours) for the subsequent designations; 10 minutes (0.17 hours) for the response to notice of irregularities by the International Bureau (IB) of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) in connection with international applications; 2 minutes (0.03 hours) for the request that the USPTO replace a U.S. registration with a subsequently registered extension of protection to the United States; 5 minutes (0.08 hours) for the request to record an assignment of restriction of a holder's right to dispose of an international registration, and a request that the USPTO transform a cancelled extension of protection into an application for registration under section 1 or 44 of the Act, depending upon the nature of the particular information being provided. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed request.

Regarding the affidavit of continued use or excusable nonuse under section 71 of the Act, the public won't be able/required to submit this until five years from the date the statute takes effect, at the earliest; hence, no projections are being calculated at this time.

Needs and Uses: The information in this collection is a matter of public record, and is used by the public for a variety of business purposes related to establishing and enforcing international trademark rights.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the federal Government; and state, local or tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by contacting Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Washington, DC 20231, by phone at 703-308-7400, or by e-mail to susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before April 25, 2003 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: March 18, 2003.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Consolidation and Amendment of Export Visa Requirements to Include the Electronic Visa Information System for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Pakistan

March 20, 2003.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA)

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection consolidating and amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 11, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shikha Bhatnagar, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

On March 13, 2003, the Governments of the United States and Pakistan signed an agreement amending the existing Visa Arrangement for cotton, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in Categories 200-239, 300-361, 363-369 (excluding 369-O), 600-670, and 800-899, including part categories and merged categories, but not category 369-O, produced or manufactured in Pakistan. The amended Arrangement consolidates existing provisions and establishes new provisions for the Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS). The Governments of the United States and Pakistan will implement a 6-month test phase in which, in addition to the ELVIS requirements, shipments must continue to be accompanied by a paper visa. This notice amends, but does not cancel, the notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs, as amended, published in the Federal Register on June 6, 1983 (see 48 FR 25257).

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS