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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Office of the Secretary

United States Department of Commerce Complaint of Employment Discrimination; and United States Department of Commerce Complaint of Employment Discrimination for the Decennial Census; Proposed Information Collection

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c) (2) (A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ms. Kathy Hawker, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, room H 7840, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This notice covers two forms used by the Department of Commerce in collecting information regarding complaints of discrimination. The first form will be used by permanent employees and applicants for employment at the Department of Commerce. The second form is already in use under an OMB emergency approval. It will be used solely by temporary employees and applicants for temporary employment with the Bureau of the Census during its Decennial operations. Both forms will be used for

filing formal complaint of discrimination. Further, both forms allow us to gather reliable data and aids in determining whether the complaint meets all procedural and jurisdictional requirements for acceptance. This determination needs to be done in a timely and efficient manner in order to meet the regulatory time frames established by the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission (EEOC). The forms also provide complainants with an easy to use form that asks for all of the basic information needed in a formal EEO complaint.

II. Method of Collection

Written submission.

III. Data

OMB Number(s): 0690-0015.

Form Number(s): CD-498A and CD 498.

Type of Review: Regular submission, with change.

Affected Public: Permanent employees and applicants for employment with the Department of Commerce. Temporary employees and applicants for employment with the Bureau of the Census for the Decennial Census.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300 per year for the Departmental Complaint Form and 400 per year for the Decennial Census Form.

Estimated Time Per Response: Both forms take approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 350 hours (150 hours for the Departmental Complaint Form and 200 hours for the Decennial Census Form.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) 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: Patent and Trademark Office (PTO).

Title: Trademark Processing.

Agency Form Numbers: PTO Forms 1478, 1478(a), 4.8, 4.9, 1553, 1581, 205/209, 4.13a, and 4-17a (existing paper forms and electronic forms).

OMB Approval Number: 0651-0009.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 110,427 hours.

Number of Respondents: 343,698.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The time to respond ranges from 10 to 45 minutes. The existing paper forms take from 15 to 45 minutes, while the electronic forms take from 12 to 18 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051, *et. seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Any individual or business owning a valid trademark or service mark, who use or intend to use their marks in commerce regulable by the U.S. Congress, may apply to by federally register its mark. The mark will remain on the register for ten years; however, the registration can be canceled by the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) if the owner does not file an affidavit attesting to the continued use (or excusable non-use) of the mark in commerce between the fifth and sixth years following the issuance of the registration. The registration may be renewed for periods of ten years.

The PTO administers the Trademark Act pursuant to 37 CFR part 2, which contains the rules that implement the Trademark Act. These rules mandate that each register entry contain the mark; the goods and/or services that the mark is used in connection with; identifying ownership information; dates of use; and certain other

information. The PTO also requires that similar information be provided in applications for registration. The register and pending application information may be accessed by the public to determine availability of a mark. By accessing the PTO's information, potential trademark owners may reduce the possibility of initiating use of a mark previously adopted by another.

Registration is not required to obtain rights in a mark; however, registration provides certain benefits, such as access to the Federal court system and nationwide constructive notice of the Registrant's rights. Entities who elect to seek registration are not required to use the forms in this collection. The forms are provided as a convenience to the public, and serve as guidance on what information is legally mandated, should an individual or business seek registration.

The PTO uses this information to determine the eligibility of each mark for registration and to maintain a public search library where copies of the registration certificates for marks can be searched. The PTO also provides the information to the Patent and Trademark Depository Libraries (PTDLs) that also maintain the information for use by the public.

The information is a matter of public record, and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and reinforcing trademark rights. This information is important to the public, since both common law trademark owners and Federal trademark registrants must actively protect their own rights.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, federal government, and state, local, or tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

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

OMB Desk Officer: Maya A. Bernstein, (202) 395-3785.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Maya

A. Bernstein, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 979]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone Kodiak Island, Alaska

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act "To provide for the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes," as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, Kodiak Island Borough (the Grantee), an Alaskan municipal corporation, has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 50-95, 60 FR 47547, 9/13/95), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at sites on Kodiak Island, Alaska, adjacent to the Kodiak Customs port of entry;

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal Register**; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report and finds that the requirements of the Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 232, at the sites described in the application,

subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and subject to the standard 2,000-acre activation limit.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of May 1998.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

William M. Daley,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 982]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 168; Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, Area

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, an application from the Dallas/Fort Worth Maquila Trade Development Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone No. 168, for authority to expand its general-purpose zone to include two sites in Gainesville (Cooke County), Texas, adjacent to the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs port of entry, was filed by the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board on June 27, 1997 (Docket 56-97, 62 FR 36487, 7/8/97);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board has found that the requirements of the Act and the regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The grantee is authorized to expand its zone as requested in the application, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of May 1998.

Richard Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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