

section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Apple Country, Inc., Wapato, Washington; Cashmere Fruit Exchange, Cashmere, Washington; Dole Northwest, Wenatchee, Washington; IM EX Trading Company, Yakima, Washington; Inland—Joseph Fruit Company, Wapato, Washington; (controlling entity: Inland Fruit & Produce Co., Inc.); PAC Marketing International, LLC, Yakima, Washington; Sage Marketing LLC, Yakima, Washington (controlling entities: Olympic Fruit, Columbia Reach and Valley Fruit); Voelker Fruit & Cold Storage, Inc., Yakima, Washington; and Washington Export, LLC, Yakima, Washington; and

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Crandell Fruit Company, Wenatchee, Washington; George F. Joseph Orchard, Yakima, Washington; Gwin, White & Prince, Inc., Wenatchee, Washington; H & H Orchards Packing, Inc., Malaga, Washington; Inland Fruit & Produce Co., Wapato, Washington; Johnny Appleseed of WA/CRO Fruit Co., Wenatchee, Washington; Majestic Valley Produce, Wenatchee, Washington; and Valicoff Fruit Company, Inc., Wapato, Washington.

**Special Note:** NFE also requested to amend its Certificate to change the name of one current Member from Blue Bird, Inc. to Washington Cherry Growers but later stated that this name change was a mistake.

A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: October 16, 2000.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### United States Patent and Trademark Office

#### Electronic Form for Responding to Office Actions

**ACTION:** New information collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), 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 the new proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 26, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Crystal Park 3, 3rd Floor, Suite 310, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by phone at (703) 308-7400 or via the Internet at [susan.brown@uspto.gov](mailto:susan.brown@uspto.gov).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Craig Morris, by mail, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 2900 Crystal Drive, Room 10B10, Arlington, Va. 22202, by phone at (703) 308-8900, or by e-mail at [craig.morris@uspto.gov](mailto:craig.morris@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.* and Chapter 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issues Office Actions in which it requests that applicants for trademark registration furnish information that is required for the issuance of a registration but that was not provided with the initial submission of the application for registration. The information solicited in these Office Actions may include the following: the precise nature of the goods and or services associated with the mark; the dates on which the mark was first used and first used in commerce regulable by the United States Congress; the name of a domestic representative of a foreign applicant upon whom process can be served in matters pertaining to the mark; the legal entity type of the applicant; the state of incorporation of a corporate applicant; the state of organization of an applicant that is a partnership; the citizenship of an applicant who is an individual person; the names and citizenships of the partners of an applicant that is a partnership; the complete address of the applicant; the date that the application was signed; information as to whether or not a mark is the name or likeness of an individual; requests for production of specimens showing use of the mark in

commerce; requests for substitute depictions of the mark; information as to whether or not the mark has a meaning in a foreign language or in a particular field or industry; information as to whether or not the applicant owns certain existing registrations; the statutory basis upon which registration of the mark is sought; and for collective membership marks, information as to how the applicant controls use of the mark by members of the organization.

To aid in the collection of this information and as part of the USPTO's electronic initiatives, the USPTO has developed an electronic form for providing this information. Additionally, the form may be used to present legal arguments as to why the USPTO should withdraw a statutory refusal to register a mark.

##### II. Method of Collection

By electronic transmission.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0651-00XX.

*Form Number(s):* PTO Form XX.

*Type of Review:* New information collection.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other non-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal Government; and state, local or tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 22,000 responses per year.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the public will require 10 minutes (.17 hours) to supply the information requested in the Office Action. Completion times may vary, depending upon the nature and amount of information requested in a particular Office Action.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours:* 3,740 hours per year.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden:* \$900 (this represents the estimated combined average cost of a scanner and a digital camera, one of which is needed to submit a digitized image of a stylized drawing or substitute specimens. However, it is noted that the USPTO expects that very few of the responses will require the use of either a camera or a scanner). Using the professional hourly rate of \$175.00 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates \$654,500.00 per year for salary costs associated with respondents. However, it is noted that a respondent is not required to retain an attorney to assist in responding to an Office Action.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual burden hours	Estimated annual responses
Electronic Trademark Response to Action Form .....	10 minutes	3,740	22,000
TOTAL .....		3,740	22,000

#### 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, e.g., the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: October 17, 2000.

**Susan K. Brown,**

*Records Officer, Data Administration Division, Office of Data Management.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### Technology Administration

[Docket No. 000 721216-0228-02]

#### Announcement of the Establishment of a Joint Public-Sector Private-Sector Technology Demonstration Center; Criteria To Be Used in Selecting Exhibits To Be Demonstrated, and To Clarify Other Matters

**AGENCY:** Technology Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment of a Technology Demonstration Center, announcement of criteria for selection of exhibits, and clarification of other issues.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce Technology Administration is clarifying a recently published (August 4, 2000, Vol. 65, No. 151, p. 47968) **Federal Register** notice announcing the establishment of a joint public-sector private-sector Technology Demonstration Center. The purpose of the Center will be to demonstrate state-of-the-art and cutting edge technological

advances in a variety of technologies and to encourage future development. Demonstrations will consist of presentations by the United States Department of Commerce Technology Administration, other Federal, state and local agencies, and private sector parties. This is not a grant program.

**DATES:** The Technology Demonstration Center will open on September 14, 2000 on a permanent basis, and proposed demonstrations will be accepted for review at any time.

**ADDRESSES:** Parties interested in participating in the Technology Demonstration Center should send inquiries to, Technology Demonstration, United States Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, Attn: Ms. Jacki Pickett, Washington DC, 20232.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jacki Pickett, Technology Administration, (202) 482-1039.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the authorities granted by Title 15 United States Code sections 3704, the Under Secretary for Technology is establishing a Technology Demonstration Center in cooperation with the public and private sectors. On August 4, 2000, TA issued a **Federal Register** notice which indicated that TA would enter into Cooperative Research and Development Agreements with private sector participants. TA now issues this notice to clarify that the agency might also make use of other legal instruments, in its discretion. Further, TA wishes to publish the criteria it will use in selecting technological advances to be displayed in the Technology Demonstration Center.

The purpose of the Center will be to demonstrate emerging new technologies that demonstrate and/or go beyond the state-of-the-art and to encourage debate on future technological advances in a variety of technologies. Demonstrations will be solicited from the Technology Administration's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) labs, other Federal and state research centers, and private-sector parties. The Center will be for demonstration purposes only and will comply with applicable Federal regulations and Departmental requirements. The Center will not be used for sales of merchandise, solicitations, orders, or the advertisement of specific products or services. The Center will be

permanently located at the United States Department of Commerce's Herbert C. Hoover Building, in Washington DC.

#### General Q&As

*What Is the Technology Demonstration Center?*

The Center is a joint public/private collaboration in downtown Washington, DC. Creating a convenient venue for senior government officials and policy makers to learn about emerging technologies and assess its meaning for our future the Center will promote a better understanding of technology's impact on America by "Bringing Technology Downtown."

*What Are the Center's Objectives?*

Provide a permanent venue at which private- and public-sector innovators can demonstrate technological advances in a variety of technologies at the pre-commercial phase, and encourage future technological development;

Provide a neutral venue for open discussion of the impact of technology on policy and policy making;

Create an educational resource accessible to a broad range of senior government officials and policy makers.

*What Areas of Technology Will Be Considered?*

Demonstrations in areas including, but not limited to, nanotechnology, biotechnology, computing, and electronic commerce will be considered.

*What Is Not Included?*

The Center will be used for demonstrations. The Center will not be used for sales of merchandise, solicitations, orders, or the advertisement of specific products or services.

*Who May Apply?*

Innovators from all parts of the American R&D enterprise are eligible, both private- and public-sector.

*What Is the Center Looking For?*

Demonstrations of innovative technologies in the pre-commercial development phase and innovative uses of commercial technologies that have the capability to transform the competitive landscape, provide substantial improvement in quality of