

JUSTIFICATION FOR NONMATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
Madrid Protocol
OMB Control Number 0651-0051

Background

This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act of 1946, 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. Individuals and businesses that use or intend to use such marks in commerce may file an application to register the marks with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Both the register and the information provided in pending applications for registration can be accessed by the public in order to determine the availability of a mark and lessen the likelihood of initiating the use of a mark previously adopted by another.

The request is to update the language in the supporting statement in order to make notice that respondents filing § 71 affidavits may be involved in the post-registration audit and need to file post-registration actions, which are covered under Collection 0055 (Post-Registration Trademark Processing). This update is being filed to reflect the publication of Final Rule 0651-AD07.

Summary of Changes

The change in language to the supporting statement is due to the rulemaking action 0651-AD07.

Changes in Burden

There are no changes in burden to this collection.

The 0651-0051 total burden is as follows:

- 46,363 respondents
- 5,187.30 burden hours
- \$13,813,980.36 in annual (non-hour) fees