

JUSTIFICATION FOR NONMATERIAL/NONSUBSTANTIVE CHANGE
Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees
OMB Control Number 0651-0016

Background

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) submits this request to update information collection 0651-0016, "Rules for Patent Maintenance Fees." This update is to insert a new form into the collection.

Collection 0651-0016 includes form PTO/SB/47 ("Fee Address" Indication Form). PTO/SB/47 contains language specific to filing the form prior to the implementation of the America Invents Act (AIA). A new form, PTO/AIA/47, is a counterpart to PTO/SB/47 and includes AIA-specific language.

Summary of Changes

Form PTO/AIA/47 was inserted into the collection. This form includes AIA-specific language and matches form PTO/SB/47, which covers filings made before the implementation of the AIA.

Changes in Burden

There is no substantial change to the collection.