

## EFFECTIVE DATES FOR FEE ADJUSTMENTS

The President signed on November 29, 1999, the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 as part of the conference report (H. Rep. 106-479) on H.R. 3194, Consolidated Appropriations Act, Fiscal Year 2000. The text of the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 is contained in title IV of S. 1948, the Intellectual Property and Communications Omnibus Reform Act of 1999, which is incorporated by reference in Division B of the conference report. This bill contains language that decreases certain patent fees and increases certain trademark fees as shown in the tables below.

Patent and trademark customers are responsible for paying the correct fee amounts. We advise our customers to refer to the official Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Web site at [www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov), or contact the PTO General Information Services Division at (703) 308-4357 or (800) PTO-9199 for the most current fee amounts and information.

The effective date for the amendments to the fee amounts in 37 CFR 1.16, 1.20, and 1.492 shown below will be December 29, 1999.

### Patent Fees

37 CFR Sec.	Description	Current Fee Amount	New Fee Amount (Effective 12/29/99)
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee – Utility	\$760	\$690
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee – Utility (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee – Utility (CPA)	\$760	\$690
1.16(a)	Basic filing fee – Utility (CPA) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee	\$760	\$690
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee (CPA)	\$760	\$690
1.16(h)	Reissue filing fee (CPA) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.20(e)	Maintenance fee – due at 3.5 years	\$940	\$830
1.20(e)	Maintenance fee – due at 3.5 years (Small Entity)	\$470	\$415
1.492(a)(2)	ISA - U.S.	\$760	\$690
1.492(a)(2)	ISA - U.S. (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345

Section 1.53(d), which relates to a continued prosecution application (CPA), is not being revised by H.R. 3194 (S. 1948). However, it should be noted that section 1.53(d)(3) requires payment of the basic filing fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16.

The effective date for the amendments to the fee amounts in 37 CFR 1.17 and 2.6 shown below will be January 10, 2000.

#### Patent Fees

37 CFR Sec.	Description	Current Fee Amount	New Fee Amount (Effective 1/10/00)
1.17(r)	Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a))	\$760	\$690
1.17(r)	Filing a submission after final rejection (1.129(a)) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345
1.17(s)	Per additional invention to be examined (1.129(b))	\$760	\$690
1.17(s)	Per additional invention to be examined (1.129(b)) (Small Entity)	\$380	\$345

#### Trademark Fees

37 CFR Sec.	Description	Current Fee Amount	New Fee Amount (Effective 1/10/00)
2.6(a)(1)	Application for registration, per class	\$245	\$325
2.6(a)(4)	Extension for filing Statement of Use, per class	\$100	\$150
2.6(a)(5)	Application for renewal, per class	\$300	\$400
2.6(a)(13)	Filing section 15 affidavit, per class	\$100	\$200
2.6(a)(16)	Petition for cancellation, per class	\$200	\$300
2.6(a)(17)	Notice of opposition, per class	\$200	\$300

A final rule amending the rules of practice, which will include procedures for determining the fees owed during the transition to the new fee schedule, will be published in the *Federal Register*. Once published, the *Federal Register* notice will be posted to the PTO Web site.