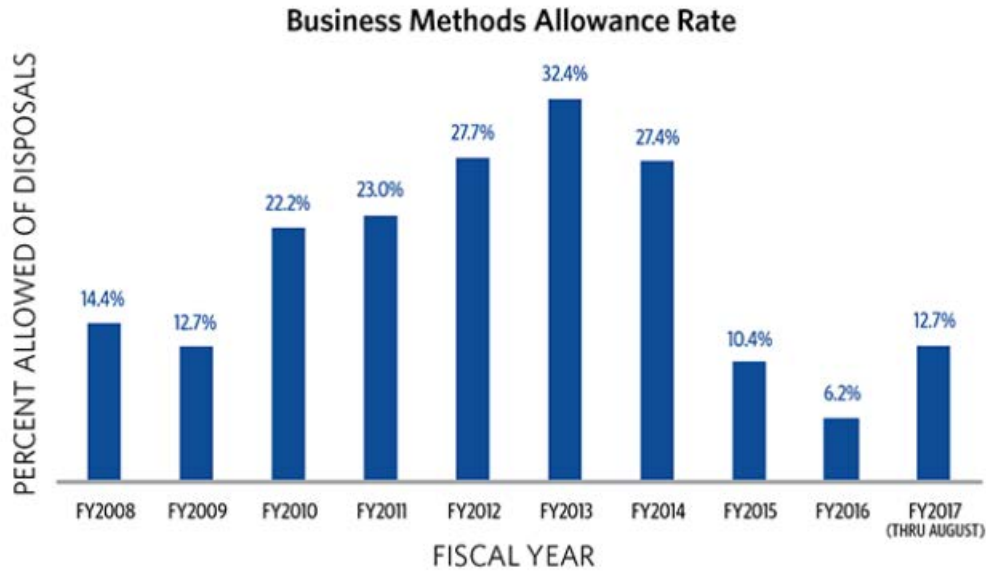


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Fiscal Year	Allowance Rate
FY2008	14.4%
FY2009	12.7%
FY2010	22.2%
FY2011	23.0%
FY2012	27.7%
FY2013	32.4%
FY2014	27.4%
FY2015	10.4%
FY2016	6.2%
FY2017 (Thru August)	12.7%

The above Business Methods Practice Area Allowance Rate percentages per fiscal year are currently trending towards the allowance rates achieved prior to *Bilski v. Kappos* (decided June 28, 2010). The allowance rate was calculated as the number of notices of allowance divided by the number of disposals (including Request for Continued Examination disposals) for each period for fiscal year 2008 through August 2017.