Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2), all investigatory materials in the record which meet the criteria in 5 U.S.C. 552a(k)(2) are exempt from the notice, access, and contest requirements (under 5 U.S.C. 552a(c)(3), (d), (e)(1), (e)(4)(G), (H), and (I), and (f)) of the agency regulations because of the necessity to exempt this information and material in order to accomplish the law enforcement function of the agency, to prevent subjects of investigations from frustrating the investigatory process, to prevent subjects of investigations from protecting the confidentiality of sources, to maintain access to sources of information, and to avoid endangering these sources and law enforcement personnel.

Dated: March 14, 2013.

Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records


ACTION: Notice of amendment of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is amending the system of records currently listed under “COMMERCE/PAT–TM–20 Customer Call Center, Assistance and Satisfaction Survey Records.” This action is being taken to...
update the Privacy Act notice. We invite the public to comment on the amendments noted in this publication.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than April 18, 2013. The amendments will become effective as proposed on April 18, 2013, unless the USPTO receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- Email: Richard.Fernandez@uspto.gov. Include “Privacy Act PAT–TM–20 comment” in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (571) 273–1180, marked to the attention of Richard Fernandez.

All comments received will be available for public inspection at the Federal rulemaking portal located at www.regulations.gov.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is giving notice of an amendment to a system of records that is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. This system of records maintains information on individuals who request information or assistance through the agency’s telephone support system or customer service centers. The Privacy Act notice is being updated with the current office information for the system manager. The description of the routine uses of records maintained in the system has been updated to include use in law enforcement, audits and oversight activities, and distribution to contractors, all uses commonly published in other agency system of records notices.

The amended Privacy Act system of records notice, “COMMERCE/PAT–TM–20 Customer Call Center, Assistance and Satisfaction Survey Records,” is published in its entirety below.

COMMERCE/PAT–TM–20

SYSTEM NAME:
Customer Call Center, Assistance and Satisfaction Survey Records.
RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:
Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:
The general provisions for access, contesting contents, and appealing initial determinations by the individual concerned appear in 37 CFR 102 subpart B. Requests from individuals should be addressed as stated in the notification section above.

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:
Subject individuals and those authorized by the individual to furnish information.

EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:
None.

Dated: March 14, 2013.

Susan K. Fawcett,
Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Patent and Trademark Office

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records


ACTION: Notice of amendment of Privacy Act system of records.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirements of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is amending the system of records currently listed under “COMMERCE/PAT–TM–1 Attorneys and Agents Registered to Practice Before the Office.” This action is being taken to update the Privacy Act notice. We invite the public to comment on the amendments noted in this publication.

DATES: Written comments must be received no later than April 18, 2013. The amendments will become effective as proposed on April 18, 2013, unless the USPTO receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:
• Email: OEDRecords@uspto.gov. Include “Privacy Act PAT–TM–1 comment” in the subject line of the message.
• Fax: (571) 273–0074, marked to the attention of the Deputy General Counsel for Enrollment and Discipline and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop OED, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.
• Mail: Deputy General Counsel for Enrollment and Discipline and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop OED, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Deputy General Counsel for Enrollment and Discipline and Director of the Office of Enrollment and Discipline, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Mail Stop OED, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450. (571) 272–4097.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is giving notice of an amendment to a system of records that is subject to the Privacy Act of 1974. This system of records maintains information on attorneys and agents who are, or have been, registered or recognized to practice before the USPTO in patent matters, as well as applicants and former applicants for such registration or recognition to practice. The Privacy Act notice is being updated with additional departmental information for the system manager. The description of the categories of individuals covered by the system has been revised to clarify that the system includes records for both registered and recognized practitioners. The description of the routine uses of records maintained in the system has been revised to indicate where information may be published and disseminated, and to update the routine uses to include use in law enforcement, audits and oversight activities, and distribution to contractors, all uses commonly published in other agency system of records notices. The description of retrievability has been revised to indicate that records may be retrieved by indicators other than name and registration number.

The Privacy Act system of records notice, “COMMERCE/PAT–TM–1 Attorneys and Agents Registered to Practice Before the Office,” was previously published at 70 FR 69520 (November 16, 2005). The amended system of records is being renamed “COMMERCE/PAT–TM–1 Attorneys and Agents Registered or Recognized to Practice Before the Office” and is published in its entirety below.

COMMERCE/PAT–TM–1

SYSTEM NAME:
Attorneys and Agents Registered or Recognized to Practice Before the Office.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:
Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:
Attorneys and agents who are, or have been, registered or recognized to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters, and applicants and former applicants for such registration or recognition to practice.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
Biographical information, personal and professional qualifications, character and fitness report, investigations of an applicant’s suitability or eligibility for registration to practice before the USPTO, undertakings of former patent examiners, current address, and status information.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

PURPOSE(S):
To carry out the duties of the USPTO under 35 U.S.C. 2(b)(2)(D), in particular, for the enrollment and recognition of individuals to practice as attorneys and agents before the USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:
(1) Routine uses will include publishing and disseminating a public roster including an address of record, law firm or company affiliation, telephone number, and registration number of the active registered individuals on the USPTO Web site; registration status is disseminated upon inquiry; and information may be published on the USPTO Web site or otherwise disclosed to solicit information regarding an applicant’s suitability and eligibility for registration to practice before the USPTO.