

Table 24.

Actions on Petitions to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

(FY 1994 - FY 1998)

Nature of petition	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
PATENT MATTERS					
Actions on patent petitions, total	46,456	34,840	33,489	34,556	33,353
Acceptance of:					
Amendments filed after payment of issue fee	52	45	52	71	35
Late assignments	52	66	59	245	691
Late issue fees	1,068	908	878	685	-
Late priority papers	75	70	66	65	62
Access	82	1	9	17	16
Certificates of correction	26,268	16,502	15,564	16,691	16,044
Deferment of issue	45	23	26	24	22
Filing date	3,195	2,748	2,302	1,442	926
Interference	1	-	1	-	-
Make Special:					
Infringement/manufacture	151	158	28	1	4
Other	1,026	1,056	1,234	1,179	1,328
Miscellaneous	3,323	2,731	2,639	4,554	2,690
Maintenance fees	942	780	822	970	976
Public use	4	7	5	9	-
Reexamination proceedings	90	71	62	42	39
Restriction	73	59	88	54	73
Revivals	4,173	4,144	3,315	2,826	3,466
Rule 47 (37 CFR 1.47)	590	306	530	407	419
Supervisory authority	567	598	967	551	2,491
Suspend rules	780	791	727	838	724
Withdrawal of attorney	635	659	786	669	870
Withdrawal from issue	603	635	680	761	385
Change of inventorship	849	829	778	323	127
Withdrawals of holding of aband./pat. lapse	1,812	1,653	1,871	2,132	1,965
TRADEMARK MATTERS					
Actions on trademark petitions, total	1,107	2,226	3,019	4,657	4,479
Affidavits of use and extensions	140	118	80	128	192
Decision by examiner	14	8	12	12	7
Filing date restoration	-	-	397	1,408	634
Grant application filing date	63	111	51	61	55
Inadvertently issued registrations	-	178	214	237	197
Interferences	1	-	1	1	1
Make special	52	92	116	104	124
Miscellaneous	-	12	10	28	170
Oppositions and extensions	13	13	20	15	9
Record documents affecting title	-	-	1	4	2
Reinstatements	-	700	1,175	1,501	1,307
Restore jurisdiction to examiner	11	12	46	1	3
Review board decisions	13	2	15	21	3
Revive	709	839	762	977	1,552
Sections 7 correction/amendment	20	7	7	10	5
Section 9 renewal	9	6	1	7	4
Section 8 or 15	37	32	36	70	32
Waive fees/refunds	25	96	75	72	182
PETITIONS AWAITING ACTION AS OF 9/30					
Patent matters	404	976	872	3,779	2,589
Trademark petitions awaiting response	60	36	25	56	74
Trademark petitions awaiting action	104	97	180	560	69

- Represents zero.