

## Taiwan

A-583-856: Certain Corrosion Resistant Steel Products (CORE) From Taiwan

*Self-initiated:* CORE completed in Malaysia from hot-rolled steel or cold-rolled steel substrate manufactured in Taiwan, and subsequently exported to the United States is circumventing the antidumping order on CORE from Taiwan; June 1, 2021.

*Preliminary Determinations Made April 1, 2021, Through June 30, 2021*

## China

A-570-067 and C-570-068: Forged Steel Fittings From China

*Requestor:* Midwest Diversified Technologies, Inc. Fifteen self-drilling anchor bolt systems couplers are not covered by the scope of the antidumping duty and countervailing duty orders on forged steel fittings from China because they are not designed to connect pipes and cannot convey fluid at high pressure; May 17, 2021.

## Notification to Interested Parties

Interested parties are invited to comment on the completeness of this list of scope inquiries and anti-circumvention determinations made during the period April 1, 2021, through June 30, 2021. Any comments should be submitted to James Maeder, Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, via email to [CommerceCLU@trade.gov](mailto:CommerceCLU@trade.gov).

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(o).

Dated: August 20, 2021.

**James Maeder,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XB363]

## Marine Mammals; File No. 25740

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Center for Coastal Studies, 5 Holway Avenue, P.O. Box 1036, Provincetown, MA 02657 (Responsible Party: Richard

Delaney), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on 23 species of marine mammals.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 24, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 25740 from the list of available applications. These documents are also available upon written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov).

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 25740 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant proposes to conduct research on North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*; NARW) in U.S. and international waters of the North Atlantic Ocean. The objectives of the research are to collect data to inform the development and implementation of methods to mitigate the threat of entanglement, ship strike, and habitat degradation, and to collect basic data on NARW and their ecology. Four species of non-listed pinnipeds and 18 species of cetaceans may be unintentionally harassed and opportunistically studied during NARW research activities including endangered blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*); bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*); fin whales (*B. physalus*); sei whales (*B. borealis*); and sperm whales (*Physeter microcephalus*). Marine mammals may be taken during vessel and aerial surveys, including an unmanned aircraft

system, for counts, photo-identification, photography, videography, behavioral observations, collection of sloughed skin or feces, underwater photography, and zooplankton sampling. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species, life stage, and procedure. The permit is requested for 5 years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 19, 2021.

**Julia Marie Harrison,**

*Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## Patent and Trademark Office

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Fee Deficiency Submissions**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, invites comments on the extension and revision of an existing information collection: 0651-0070 (Fee Deficiency Submissions). The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the information collection to OMB.

**DATES:** To ensure consideration, comments regarding this information collection must be received on or before October 25, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments by any of the following methods. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

• *Email:* [InformationCollection@uspto.gov](mailto:InformationCollection@uspto.gov). Include “0651–0070 comment” in the subject line of the message.

• *Federal Rulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

• *Mail:* Kimberly Hardy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Parikha Mehta, Legal Advisor, Office of Patent Legal Administration, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450, by telephone at 571–272–3248, or by email at [Parikha.Mehta@uspto.gov](mailto:Parikha.Mehta@uspto.gov) with “0651–0070 comment” in the subject line. Additional information about this information collection is also available at <http://www.reginfo.gov> under “Information Collection Review.”

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under section 10(b) of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act (“Act”) (See Pub. L. 112–29, 125 Stat. 283 (2011)), eligible small entities shall receive a 50 percent fee reduction from the undiscounted fees for filing, searching, examining, issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents. The Act further provides that micro entities shall receive a 75 percent fee reduction from the undiscounted fees for filing, searching, examining,

issuing, appealing, and maintaining patent applications and patents.

This information collection covers the submissions made by patent applicants and patentees to excuse small and micro entity fee payment errors, in accordance with the procedures set forth in 37 CFR 1.28(c) and 1.29(k). Specifically, 37 CFR 1.28(c) provides a procedure by which patent applicants and patentees may be excused for erroneous payments of fees in the small entity amount. 37 CFR 1.29(k) provides a procedure by which patent applicants and patentees may be excused for erroneous payments of fees in the micro entity amount.

Patent applicants and patentees who change their entity status may need to submit additional payments in order to have their applications associated with the correct category. It is possible for small or micro entity status to be established in good faith, and for a patent applicant or patentee to pay a fee as a small or micro entity in good faith, only to later discover that the entity status was established in error, or to later discover that, through error, the USPTO was not notified of a loss of status entitlement. The USPTO will excuse the error if a deficiency payment and other requirements are submitted in compliance with 37 CFR 1.28(c) or 1.29(k). Thus, this information collection is necessary so that patent applicants and patentees may pay the balance of fees due (*i.e.*, fee deficiency payment) when a fee was previously paid in error in a micro or small entity amount. The USPTO needs the

information to be able to process and properly record a fee deficiency payment to avoid questions arising later, either for the USPTO or for the applicant or patentee, as to whether the proper fees have been paid in the application or patent.

##### II. Method of Collection

The items in this information collection may be submitted online using the Patent Electronic Systems (EFS-Web or Patent Center), or on paper by either mail or hand delivery.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0651–0070.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Type of Review:* Extension and revision of a currently approved information collection.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector; individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,000 respondents per year.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 3,002 responses per year.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The USPTO estimates that the response time for activities related to Fee Deficiency Submissions will take the public approximately 2 hours to complete. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed information to the USPTO.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hour:* 6,004 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Respondent (Hourly) Cost Burden:* \$2,401,600.

TABLE 1—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR PRIVATE SECTOR RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate <sup>1</sup> (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.28(c) .....	1,455	1.5	2,183	2	4,366	\$400	\$1,746,400
2 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.29(k) .....	485	1.5	728	2	1,456	400	582,400
Totals .....	.....	1,940	.....	2,911	.....	5,822	.....	2,328,800

<sup>1</sup> 2019 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); <https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2019-report-of-the-economic-survey>. The USPTO uses the mean rate for attorneys in private firms which is \$400 per hour.

TABLE 2—TOTAL HOURLY BURDEN FOR INDIVIDUALS OR HOUSEHOLDS RESPONDENTS

Item No.	Item	Estimated annual respondents	Responses per respondent	Estimated annual responses	Estimated time for response (hours)	Estimated burden (hour/year)	Rate <sup>2</sup> (\$/hour)	Estimated annual respondent cost burden
		(a)	(b)	(a) × (b) = (c)	(d)	(c) × (d) = (e)	(f)	(e) × (f) = (g)
1 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.28(c) .....	45	1.5	68	2	136	\$400	\$54,400
2 .....	Submissions Under 37 CFR 1.29(k) .....	15	1.5	23	2	46	400	18,400
Totals .....	.....	60	.....	91	.....	182	.....	72,800

<sup>2</sup> 2019 Report of the Economic Survey, published by the Committee on Economics of Legal Practice of the American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA); <https://www.aipla.org/detail/journal-issue/2019-report-of-the-economic-survey>. The USPTO uses the mean rate for attorneys in private firms which is \$400 per hour.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost Burden (Non-Hourly): \$248.*

There are no capital startup, maintenance, or operating fees are associated with this information collection. There are, however, postage costs associated with this information collection.

Although the USPTO prefers that the items in this information collection be submitted electronically, responses may be submitted by mail through the United States Postal Service (USPS). The USPTO estimates that 1% of the 3,002 responses will be submitted in the mail resulting in 30 mailed items. The USPTO estimates that the average postage cost for a mailed submission, using a Priority Mail 2-day flat rate legal envelope, will be \$8.25. Therefore, the USPTO estimates the total mailing costs for this information collection at \$248.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

#### IV. Request for Comments

The USPTO is soliciting public comments to:

(a) Evaluate whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(d) Minimize the burden of the collection on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

All comments submitted in response to this notice are a matter of public record. USPTO will include or summarize each comment in the request to OMB to approve this information collection. Before including an address, phone number, email address, or other personally identifiable information (PII) in a comment, be aware that the entire comment—including PII—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask in your comment to withhold PII from public view, USPTO cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

**Kimberly Hardy,**

*Information Collections Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0092]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by October 25, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* DoD cannot receive written comments at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Comments should be sent electronically to the docket listed above.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency, 27130 Telegraph Road, Quantico, VA 22134, ATTN: Ms.

Stepheny Fanning, or call 724-794-7765.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number:* Personnel Security System Access Request (PSSAR) Form; DD Form 2962-2; OMB Control Number 0704-0542.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary for the Defense Information System for Security, Secure Web Fingerprint Transmission, and Defense Central Index of Investigations, which require personal data collection to facilitate the granting of access to the suite of DCSA systems to Security Managers for the purpose of the initiation, investigation and adjudication of information relevant to DoD security clearances and employment suitability determinations for active duty military, civilian employees and contractors requiring the aforementioned clearances. As a suite of Personnel Security Systems, they are the authoritative source for clearance information resulting in accesses determinations to sensitive/classified information and facilities.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,704.

*Number of Respondents:* 22,225.

*Responses per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 22,225.

*Average Burden per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Frequency:* As Required.

Dated: August 18, 2021.

**Aaron T. Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Docket ID: DoD-2021-OS-0091]

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Information collection notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the *Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995*, the Defense Logistics Agency announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the