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**Announcement of Approval of Standard of American Petroleum Institute**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of approval of American Petroleum Institute (API) Standard 1512, *Petroleum Test Laboratory Accreditation Program*

**SUMMARY:** The American Petroleum Institute, with the assistance of other interested parties, continues to develop standards, both national and international, in several areas. This notice lists the standardization effort currently being conducted; namely, API Standard 1512, *API Petroleum Test Laboratory Accreditation Program*. The publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of API is being undertaken as a public service. NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend the standard referenced in this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** American Petroleum Institute, 1220 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005-4070.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roland Goodman, American Petroleum Institute, telephone: 202-682-8571, fax: 202-682-8154.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST first announced the proposed development of this API voluntary standard and API's

request for public comments in the Federal Register on February 21, 1995 (60 FR 9669-9670).

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: April 11, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,  
Associate Director.

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**Patent and Trademark Office**

**Admittance to Practice and Roster of Registered Patent Attorneys and Agents Admitted to Practice Before the Patent and Trademark Office**

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before June 17, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instruments(s) and instructions should be directed to Craig R. Feinberg, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, (703) 308-5316, extension 10.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. Abstract

The Office of Enrollment and Discipline collects information to determine the qualifications of individuals entitled to represent applicants before the Patent and Trademark Office in the preparation and prosecution of applications for a patent, and to administer and maintain the roster of attorneys and agents registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, and hand carry when the individual desires to participate in the information collection.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0012.

Form Numbers: PTO-107A, PTO-158, PTO-275, and PTO-297.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 10,500.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,500 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$694,500.

Title of form	Form No.	Est. time for response	Est. annual burden hours	Est. annual responses
Data Sheet .....	PTO-107A	20 minutes .....	1,333	4,000
Application for Registration .....	PTO-158	20 minutes .....	1,000	3,000
Undertaking Under 37 CFR § 10.10 (b) .....	PTO-275	20 minutes .....	167	500
Exam. for Registration— Admission Card .....	PTO-297	20 minutes .....	1,000	3,000

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) 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; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 12, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,  
Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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**Technology Administration**

**Interagency Council on Metric Policy; Metric Town Meetings and Workshops**

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce and the Interagency Council on Metric Policy will sponsor six regional Metric Town Meetings and Workshops. At each meeting, participants will have the opportunity to hear from local and national experts on the benefits of using the metric system to increase our global competitiveness, commercialize new technologies, and enhance the job skills of America's workforce. Open forum

discussions will probe critical metrication issues. The meetings will build on the key themes—trade, education, and public awareness—that emerged from the first National Metric Town Meeting held March 27–28, 1995, at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, Maryland. While written submissions of issues and views are welcome, interested organizations and individuals are encouraged to participate in person to benefit from the sharing of views.

**DATES:** The first two Metric Town Meetings and Workshops will be held:

- April 26–27, 1996, in Atlanta, Georgia, at Georgia State University's Urban Life Center
- May 17–18, 1996, in Boston, Massachusetts, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Stratton Student Center

The subsequent regional meetings will be held on the following schedule:

- September 1996—Seattle, WA
- October 1996—Chicago, IL
- November 1996—San Francisco, CA
- January 1997—Dallas, TX

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Organizations and individuals interested in participating should contact the Director, Metric Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, Room 306, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, as early as possible. Phone (301-975-3690) and FAX (301-948-1416) inquiries will be accepted. E-mail may be sent to: [metric\\_prg@nist.gov](mailto:metric_prg@nist.gov). Additional information and updates will be available on the Internet at: <http://www.nist.gov/metric>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The International System of Units (SI), the modern "metric system," is the international system of measurement. The United States is the only industrialized nation that does not use SI as the predominant measurement system in its commercial and standards activities. Adoption of the metric system in U.S. trade and commerce will increase the competitiveness of our products and services in the global marketplace.

Understanding the necessity for national metrication, Congress, in 1988 amendments to the Metric Conversion Act of 1975, declared the metric system to be the preferred system of measurement for U.S. trade and commerce. These amendments state that the Federal Government has a responsibility to assist industry, especially small business, as it voluntarily converts to the metric system of measurement.

Working with the Interagency Council on Metric Policy, the Department of Commerce Metric Program is implementing a plan that encourages a broad national dialogue on metric conversion. Under the banner "Toward a Metric America," the plan includes six regional meetings and workshops, information and awareness campaigns, consultations with industry and the public, and other outreach programs.

As part of this plan, the Metric Town Meetings and Workshops will work to build state and regional partnerships (1) to accelerate adoption of the metric system in trade and commerce; (2) to encourage use of the metric system in all facets of education, including honing of worker skills; and (3) to develop positive and enjoyable programs of public awareness.

Each meeting will devote a half day to each of these areas—Friday morning to trade and commerce, Friday afternoon to public awareness, and Saturday morning to education—seeking to develop joint strategies to advance the Nation's metrication.

(15 U.S.C. 205(b) and (c))

Dated: April 4, 1996.

Gary R. Bachula,

*Acting Under Secretary for Technology.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Establishment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India**

April 11, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 18, 1996

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6705. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715. For information on categories on which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The United States Government has decided to continue the restraint limits on Categories 435 and 440 for an additional twelve-month period, beginning on April 18, 1996 and extending through April 17, 1997.

This action is taken in accordance with the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The United States remains committed to finding a mutual solution concerning Categories 435 and 440. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of India, further notice will be published in the Federal Register.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 35899, published on July 12, 1995.

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 11, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 30, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on April 18, 1996, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on April 18, 1996 and extending through April 17, 1997, in excess of the following limits:

Category	Twelve-month limit
435 .....	38,237 dozen.
440 .....	78,232 dozen.

Imports charged to these category limits for the period April 18, 1995 through April 17, 1996 shall be charged against those levels of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balances. Goods in excess of those limits will be subject to the limits established in this directive.