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[Public Roundtable on Protections for Name, Image, Likeness, Other Indicia of Identity, and Reputation, 89 Federal Register 54442, July 1, 2024](#)

NOTICE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will hold a roundtable to seek public input regarding: whether existing laws protecting an individual's reputation and existing laws prohibiting unauthorized use of an individual's name, image, voice, likeness, or other indicia of identity (collectively referred to within this Notice as "NIL") are sufficient given the development and proliferation of artificial intelligence (AI) technology. The USPTO will seek this input to assist in its ongoing work to shape intellectual property (IP) policy, including NIL policy, and to assist in its work related to President Biden's Executive Order on the Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence.

[Employment Authorization for Haitian F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Crisis in Haiti, 89 Federal Register 54477, July 1, 2024](#)

NOTICE: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students from Haiti who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Haiti. The Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is providing relief to these students who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status, so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant status.

EFFECTIVE DATES: August 4, 2024 – February 3, 2026

[Termination Rights, Royalty Distributions, Ownership Transfers, Disputes, and the Music Modernization Act, 89 Federal Register 56586, July 9, 2024](#)

FINAL RULE: The U.S. Copyright Office is issuing a final rule regarding how the Copyright Act's derivative works exception to termination rights applies to the statutory mechanical blanket license established by the Music Modernization Act. The final rule also addresses other matters relevant to identifying the proper payee to whom the mechanical licensing collective must distribute royalties. Among other things, the Office is adopting regulations addressing the mechanical licensing collective's distribution of matched historical royalties and administration of ownership transfers, other royalty payee changes, and related disputes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 9, 2026 (date corrected on 7/12/2024)

[Employment Authorization for Yemeni F-1 Nonimmigrant Students Experiencing Severe Economic Hardship as a Direct Result of the Current Crisis in Yemen, 89 Federal Register 56759, July 10, 2024](#)

NOTICE: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is suspending certain regulatory requirements for F-1 nonimmigrant students from Yemen who are experiencing severe economic hardship as a direct result of the current crisis in Yemen. The Secretary is providing relief to these students who are in lawful F-1 nonimmigrant status, so the students may request employment authorization, work an increased number of hours while school is in session, and reduce their course load while continuing to maintain their F-1 nonimmigrant status.

EFFECTIVE DATES: September 4, 2024 – March 3, 2026

<p>2024 Guidance Update on Patent Subject Matter Eligibility, Including on Artificial Intelligence, 89 Federal Register 58128, July 17, 2024</p>	<p>NOTICE: In accordance with Executive Order 14110 on the “Safe, Secure, and Trustworthy Development and Use of Artificial Intelligence” (October 30, 2023) (Executive Order), the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is issuing a guidance update on patent subject matter eligibility to address innovation in critical and emerging technologies (ET), especially artificial intelligence (AI). This guidance update will assist USPTO personnel and stakeholders in evaluating the subject matter eligibility of claims in patent applications and patents involving inventions related to AI technology (AI inventions). This update also announces a new set of examples that are intended to assist USPTO personnel in applying the USPTO's subject matter eligibility guidance to AI inventions during patent examination, appeal, and post-grant proceedings. In addition to addressing issues especially relevant to AI inventions, this guidance update addresses feedback from our stakeholders and includes discussions of recent Federal Circuit decisions on patent subject matter eligibility. This guidance update, together with the guidance provided in the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP), is to be used by USPTO personnel when applying subject matter eligibility law.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: July 17, 2024</p>
<p>Standards-Related Activities and the Export Administration Regulations, 89 Federal Register 58265, July 18, 2024</p>	<p>INTERIM FINAL RULE: In this interim final rule, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to revise the scope and the terms used in the EAR to describe “standards-related activities” that are subject to the EAR. BIS is making these revisions to ensure that export controls and associated compliance concerns do not impede the participation and leadership of U.S. companies in legitimate standards-related activities.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: July 18, 2024</p>
<p>Required Minimum Distributions, 89 Federal Register 58886, July 18, 2024</p>	<p>FINAL REGULATIONS: This document sets forth final regulations relating to required minimum distributions from qualified plans; section 403(b) annuity contracts, custodial accounts, and retirement income accounts; individual retirement accounts and annuities; and certain eligible deferred compensation plans. These regulations affect administrators of, and participants in, those plans; owners of individual retirement accounts and annuities; employees for whom amounts are contributed to section 403(b) annuity contracts, custodial accounts, or retirement income accounts; and beneficiaries of those plans, contracts, accounts, and annuities.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2024</p>
<p>Update to the Department of Homeland Security STEM Designated Degree Program List, 89 Federal Register 59748, July 23, 2024</p>	<p>NOTICE: This notice announces that the Secretary of Homeland Security (Secretary) is amending the DHS STEM Designated Degree Program List by adding one qualifying field of study and a corresponding Department of Education Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) code for that field. The list is used to determine whether a degree obtained by certain F-1 nonimmigrant students following the completion of a program of study qualifies as a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) degree as determined by DHS, as required for the F-1 student to be eligible to apply for a 24-month</p>

	<p>extension of their post-completion optional practical training (OPT).</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 2024</p>
<p>FCC Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program, 89 Federal Register 61282, July 30, 2024</p>	<p>FINAL RULE: the Federal Communications Commission (Commission or FCC) establishes the Schools and Libraries Cybersecurity Pilot Program (Pilot or Pilot Program). The Pilot Program will enable the Commission to evaluate the impact that using Universal Service Fund (USF or Fund) support for eligible cybersecurity services and equipment will have on protecting school and library broadband networks and data. In so doing, the Commission seeks to address the apparent needs of schools and libraries for additional support for cybersecurity services and equipment, while evaluating the impact that providing that support would have on the USF.</p> <p>EFFECTIVE DATE: August 29, 2024</p>
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