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<p>News and Notices published in the Official Gazette are available electronically back to 1995 on the Web by year at http://www.uspto.gov/news/og/index.jsp.</p> <p>Prior to 1995 a consolidated listing of important notices from the Official Gazette in paper is available in either the first or second weekly issue of the Official Gazette for January. The consolidated listing shows notices in effect from July 1, 1964 through December 31 of the previous year. From 1995 forward they are available on the USPTO website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Patent related news and notices from both the Official Gazette and Federal Register see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/2013.jsp (note year will change to current year though links to prior years to the 1990's are available). For Trademark related news and notices from the Official Gazette, Federal Register and other sources see http://www.uspto.gov/trademarks/notices/notices_comments.jsp 	USPTO Website

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