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Just a few comments about the Virtual Marking Section, specifically the Effective Date. According to the Effective Date, the Virtual Marking does not provide a benefit because we hold patents that were issued prior to the date of the enactment. If we are interpreting the Effective Date correctly, those patent numbers must continue to be listed on the goods where any pending application or newly filed application after the enactment date does not (Virtual Marking applies).

- (a) VIRTUAL MARKING.—

  (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 287(a) of title 35, United States
  Code, is amended by striking 'or when,' and inserting 'or
  by fixing thereon the word 'patent' or the abbreviation 'pat.'
  together with an address of a posting on the Internet, accessible to the public without charge for accessing the address, that associates the patented article with the number of the patent, or when, '
- (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by this subsection shall apply to any case that is pending on, or commenced on or after, the date of the enactment of this Act.

(3) REPORT....

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