

Michigan and Goldsboro, North Carolina. The shift in production is attributed to domestic excess capacity and the company's need to cut costs to stay competitive in the market place. No production performed at the subject firm was shifted to any foreign location to serve the company's domestic market. The equipment at the plant was shipped to whichever plants of the company had a need for additional machinery that could be used in the company's extrusion process. Except for the shipment of certain machinery to Gaylord and Goldsboro for the express purpose of serving the enhanced production at those facilities, no machinery was shipped to any location to support the production of parts that had previously been made in Lexington. Some equipment was shipped to Georgetown, Canada, to support existing production at that plant, but no production moved from Lexington to Georgetown, Canada or is being imported back to the United States.

The company recently opened a plant in Mexico. At present the plant has received two contracts, one from a Japanese manufacturer, and one from an American manufacturer. Production under these contracts will not begin before 1999. The Company's Mexican production will supply those automakers in Mexican plants only.

### Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of November 1997.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-33,793]

#### **Thomas & Betts, Augat Division, Sanford, Maine; Including Leased Workers of Manpower Temporary Services, Sanford, Maine; Kelly Services, Incorporated, Biddeford, Maine; Olsten Staffing Services, Portland, Maine; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on September 24, 1997, applicable to all workers of Thomas & Betts, Augat Division located in Sanford, Maine. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 1997 (62 FR 53348).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information provided by the company shows that some employees of Thomas & Betts, Augat Division were leased from manpower Temporary Services, Kelly Services, Incorporated and Olsten Staffing Services to produce terminal blocks and plastic molds at the Sanford, Maine facility. Worker separations occurred at Manpower Temporary Services, Kelly Services, Incorporated and Olsten Staffing Services as a result of worker separation at Thomas & Betts, Augat Division, Sanford, Maine.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of Manpower Temporary Services, Sanford, Maine, Kelly Services, Incorporated, Biddeford, Maine and Olsten Staffing Services, Portland, Maine leased to Thomas & Betts, Augat Division, Sanford, Maine.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Thomas & Betts, Augat Division adversely affected by imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-33,793 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Thomas & Betts, Augat Division, Sanford, Maine and leased workers of Manpower Temporary Services, Sanford, Maine, Kelly Services, Incorporated, Biddeford, Maine and Olsten Staffing Services, Portland, Maine engaged in employment related to the production of terminal blocks and plastic molds for Thomas & Betts, Augat Division, Sanford,

Maine who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 7, 1996, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 28th day of November 1997.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### **Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Petition for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed renewal of the information collection of the Petition for Transitional Adjustment Assistance, ETA 9042.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 9, 1998. Written comments should evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to

be collected; and minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSES:** Grant D. Beale, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, 202-219-5555 (this is not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act amended Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974 to add a Subchapter D—NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance Program. This program provides needed adjustment assistance to workers adversely affected because of imports from Canada to Mexico or shifts to production from the United States to those countries.

Section 250 of the Act authorizes the Governor of each State to accept petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for NAFTA transitional adjustment assistance. A petition may be filed by a group of three workers (including workers in any agricultural firm or subdivision or an agricultural firm), their union or other duly authorized representative including community-based organizations, or a company official. Form ETA-9042, Petition for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance, establishes the format which has been used by the Governor to facilitate petition filings.

##### II. Current Actions

This is a request for OMB approval under [the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A))] for renewal of a of collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0342. There is a reduction of 70 burden hours as the result of a reestimate of the number of petitions filed.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

*Title:* Petition for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0342.

*Agency Number:* ETA-9042.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Total Respondents:* Estimated 1,000.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

#### *Estimated Time Per Response:*

Respondents (minutes)	15
State Review (minutes)	5

#### *Estimated Total Burden Hours:*

Respondents (hours)	250
State Review (hours)	80

Total (hours)	330
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#### *Estimated Respondent Cost:*

Respondents	\$6,250
State Review	\$1,406

Total	\$7,656
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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 4, 1997.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 10, 1998. Written comments should evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

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Section 250 of the Act authorizes the Governor of each State to accept petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance. Once a petition for NAFTA adjustment assistance is filed with the Governor in the State where the firm is located, the law gives the Governor ten days to make a preliminary finding of whether the petition meets the group eligibility requirements under Subchapter D, and transmits the finding to the Secretary of Labor. The NAFTA Confidential Data Request Form ETA-9043 establishes the format which has been used by the Governor for making a preliminary finding.