

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

##### Employment and Training Administration

##### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance, Confidential Data Request

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of labor, as a 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 the 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 NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance Confidential Data Request, ETA 9043.

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.

**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 or Mexico or shifts of 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 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.

## 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 collection of information assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0339. This is a reduction of 1,500 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:* NAFTA-Confidential Data Request.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0339.

*Agency Number:* ETA-9043.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and State.

*Total Respondents:* Estimated 1,000.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Average Time per Response:*

Respondents=3 hours; State Review=4.5 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:*

Respondents=3,000; State review=4,500; Total=7,500.

*Estimated Respondent Cost:*

Respondents=\$53,610; State review=\$79,110; Total=\$132,720.

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

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Customer Survey Form

**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 instructions 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 NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance Customer Survey Form, ETA 9044.

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 submission 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:

##### 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 or Mexico or shifts of 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. Once a preliminary finding is issued by the

Governor, the Secretary must determine to what extent, if any, increased imports from Mexico or Canada have impacted the petitioning workers' firm selling market, and thus determine whether the statutory criteria for worker group eligibility are met. The customer survey form establishes the format which has been by the Secretary to determine the impact of imports.

## 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 collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0337. There is an addition of 210 burden hours as the result of a reestimate of the number of responses and the number of hours required to complete the form.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

*Title:* Petition For NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0337.

*Agency Number:* ETA-9044.

*Affected Public:* Businesses.

*Total Respondents:* Estimated 420.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 2 hours.

*Estimated Total Respondent Cost:* \$32,130.

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

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01807; NAFTA-01807X]

#### Levi Strauss and Company; Goodyear Cutting Facility and El Paso Field Headquarters El Paso, Texas and San Benito, Texas; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a