

All workers of Washington Veneer, (formerly known as Omak Wood Products), Omak, Washington (TA-W-35,336) engaged in employment related to the production of plywood who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 30, 1997 through January 14, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of May, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,000 and TA-W-35,077C]

TA-W-35,077, William Carter Co. Centreville, MI; TA-W-35,077C, Senatobia, MI; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on November 18, 1998, applicable to all workers of William Carter Company, Centreville, Mississippi. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 1998 (63 FR 69313).

At the request of the petitioners, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations will occur at William Carter's Senatobia, Mississippi facility when it closes in June, 1999. The workers are engaged in the production of infants' basic and designer apparel and children's playwear.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at William Carter Company, Senatobia, Mississippi.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of William Carter Company adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-35,077 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of William Carter Company, Centreville, Mississippi (TA-W-35,077) and, Senatobia, Mississippi (TA-W-35,077C) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 22, 1997 through November 18, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington DC, this 10th day of May, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-36,198]

William Carter Co., Senatobia, Mississippi; Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on May 10, 1999 in response to a worker petition which was filed on behalf of workers at William Carter Company, Senatobia, Mississippi.

An active certification covering the petitioning group of workers is already in effect (TA-W-35,077C). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC., this 10th day of May, 1999.

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; Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

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 extension to the collection of information on the Labor Condition Application for H-1B nonimmigrants. A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before August 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions regarding the collection of information on Form ETA 9035, Labor Condition Application for H-1B Nonimmigrants, should be directed to James Norris, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certifications, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-4456, Washington, DC 20210 ((202) 219-5263 (this is not a toll-free number)).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Immigration and Naturalization Act (INA) requires that before any alien may be admitted or otherwise provided status as an H-1B nonimmigrant, the prospective employer must have filed with the Department a labor condition application stating that they will offer prevailing wages and working conditions, that there is not a strike or lockout in the course of a labor dispute in the occupational classification at the place of employment, and that they have provided notice of such filing to the bargaining representative or, if there is none, by posting notice of filing in conspicuous locations at the place of employment. Further, the employer must make certain documentation available for public examination. Complaints may be filed with the Department alleging a violation of the labor condition application process. If reasonable cause is found to believe a violation has been committed, the Department will conduct an investigation and, if appropriate, assess penalties. The INA places a limit on the number of aliens who can be admitted to the U.S. on H-1B visas (115,000 in FY '99, 107,500 in FY '00, and 65,000 in FY '01). The INA further limits these workers to a maximum of six years duration of stay under H-1B status.

The INA requires that the Department make available for public examination in Washington, DC, a list of employers which have filed labor condition applications.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection 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 collections techniques or other forms of information, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions of responses.

III. Current Actions

On January 5, 1999, the Department published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) and a request for comments in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 628). The purpose of the NPRM was to implement statutory changes in the H-1B visa program made to the INA by the American Competitiveness and Workforce Improvement Act of 1998. The Department is currently in the process of reviewing comments received in response to the NPRM and preparing a final rule to implement the statutory changes, including changes to the Form ETA 9035. The Department will be requesting OMB approval of the changes to the information collection request at the time that rule is published. However, since the current OMB approval for the Form ETA 9035 expires June 30, 1999, there is a need for an extension of the existing collection of information pertaining to employers' seeking to use H-1B nonimmigrants in specialty occupations or as fashion models of distinguished merit and ability. This action is necessary in order for the Department to meet its statutory responsibilities under the INA.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Labor Condition Applications and Requirements for Employers Using Nonimmigrants on H-1B Visas in Specialty Occupations and as Fashion Models.

OMB Number: 1205-0310.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal government; State, Local or Tribal government.

Form: Form ETA 9035.

Total Respondents: 250,000.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Total Responses: 250,050.

Average Burden Hours Per Response: 1.25.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 250,050.

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.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27 day of May, 1999.

John R. Beverly III,

Director, Employment Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D09708, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; RREEF America L.L.C. (RREEF)

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

Unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, all interested persons are invited to submit written comments, and with respect to exemptions involving the fiduciary prohibitions of section 406(b) of the Act, requests for hearing within 45 days from the date of publication of this **Federal Register** Notice. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's

interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Attention: Application No. stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR part 2570, subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). Effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file with the Department for a complete statement of the facts and representations.