

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 5th day of December 1996.

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Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Reporting Requirements Pursuant to Baker v. Reich

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 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 extension of the information collection of the Reporting Requirements for Baker v. Reich, ETA 563a.

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 24, 1997. 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: Russell T. Kile, 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

This information is needed in order to comply with a Federal Court Order issued on September 9, 1996, regarding individual eligibility determinations for Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) program. The data to be collected comply with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia's preliminary approval of, pending a final hearing, a settlement of *Baker v. Reich* between the Department of Labor and the United Auto Workers Union (UAW). The Court Order requires the Department to report to the UAW on the States' implementation of the settlement and beginning with the quarterly reporting period ending December 31, 1996, the States will provide the Department with quarterly written reports by petition number on: the number of people requesting determination of entitlement; the number of people determined entitled to benefits; and the number of people receiving TRA first payments under this settlement. The States are required to continue to report the data on a quarterly basis for five more quarters.

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 an extension of collection of information currently approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0372. There is a reduction of 40 burden hours from the previously approved data collection, because the one-time interim report on the implementation of the settlement, also approved under OMB Control No. 1205-0372, is no longer required.

Type of Review: Extension without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Reporting requirements pursuant to *Baker v. Reich*.

OMB Number: 1205-0372.

Frequency: Quarterly report for six quarters.

Affected Public: State or local government.

Number of Respondents: 40.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 2 minutes per NAFTA-TAA petition.

Total Burden Hours: 168.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): None.

Total Estimated Cost: \$800.

Total Burden Hours: 40.

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 18, 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

Acting Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Petition for Trade 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 reinstatement of the information collection of the Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance, ETA 8560, and its Spanish translation, *Solicitud De Asistencia Para Ajuste*, ETA 8559.

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 24, 1997. 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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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 221 (a) of Title II, Chapter 2 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, authorizes the Secretary of Labor to accept petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance. The petitions may be filed by workers or their certified or recognized union or duly authorized representative. ETA Form 8560, Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance, and its Spanish translation, ETA Form 8559, Solicitud De Asistencia Para Ajuste, establish a format which may be used for filing such petitions.

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 a reinstatement of collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0192. There is no change in burden.

Type of Review: Reinstatement without change.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

Title: Petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance; Solicitud De Asistencia Para Ajuste.

OMB Number: 1205-0192.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Number of Respondents: Estimated 1,400.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 15 minutes per response.

Total Estimated Cost: \$1,750.

Total Burden Hours: 350.

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 18, 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

Acting Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of November and December, 1996.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) that a significant number of proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) that sales or production, or both, of the firm or sub-division have decreased absolutely, and

(3) that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-32,835; *Schuller Manufacturing, Inc., Vienna, WV*

TA-W-32,828; *Lafayette Apparel Producers, Inc., Lafayette, TN*

TA-W-32,776; *Union Special Corp., Huntley, IL*

TA-W-32,775; *Jet Sew Technologies, Inc., Barneveld, NY*

TA-W-32,796; *Perdue Farms, Inc., Fayetteville, NC*

TA-W-32,917; *Pak-Mor, Inc., Duffield, VA*

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

TA-W-32,860; *TNS Mills, Inc., Eufaula, AL*

TA-W-32,885; *Controls Techniques Drives, Inc., Grand Island, NY*

TA-W-32,807; *Horsehead Resource Development Co., Palmerton, PA*

TA-W-32,830; *Witco Corp., Kendall/Amalia Div., Bradford, PA*

TA-W-32,801; *Weyerhaeuser Co., Oregon Timberland & Regeneration Div., Klamath, OR*

TA-W-32,764; *Schreiber Foods, Inc., Green Bay, WI*

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-32,902; *Old Ben Coal Co., Edgerton, WV*

U.S. imports of coal decreased in 1995 compared to 1994. In the past three years, US imports relative to production were negligible.

TA-W-32,804; *Consolidated Electric Supply, Miami, FL*

TA-W-32,899; *L. Robert Kimball & Associates, Ebensburg, PA*

TA-W-32,953; *Petrie Retail, Inc.—Petrie Stores, Secaucus, NJ*

The workers firm does not produce an article as required for certification under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

TA-W-32,778; *Lance, Inc., Greenville, TX*

Declines in employment are related to a company decision to transfer the production at the subject firm to another domestic company location in which there was excess capacity.

TA-W-32,923; *Connors Rubber Technologies, For Wayne, IN*

The investigation revealed that criteria (2) and criteria (3) have not been met. Sales or production did not decline during the relevant period as required for certification. Increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have not contributed importantly to the separations or threat thereof, and the absolute decline in sales or production.

TA-W-32,766; *Garden State Tanning, Inc., Williamsport, MD*

The investigation revealed that criteria (1) and criteria (2) have not been met. A significant number or proportion