

Form No.	Frequency	Number of respondents	Average time per respondent (minutes)
3007D	Monthly/Quarterly	3,235	32

Total Burden Hours: 22,039.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.
Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.
Description: The International Price Program Indexes, a primary economic

indicator, are used as measures of movement in international prices, indicators of inflationary trends in the economy, and sources of information used to determine U.S. monetary, fiscal, trade, and commercial policies. They are also used to deflate the Gross Domestic Product.

Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Title: International Price Program—U.S. Import Price Indexes.
OMB Number: 1220–0026 (revision).
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Form No.	Frequency	Number of respondents	Average time per respondent
3007B	Annually	1,725	1 hour
3008	Annually	1,725	20.5 minutes
3007D	Monthly/Quarterly	3,235	34 minutes

Total Burden Hours: 23,884.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.
Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.
Description: The International Price Program Indexes, a primary economic indicator, are used as measures of movement in international prices, indicators of inflationary trends in the economy, and sources of information used to determine U.S. monetary, fiscal, trade, and commercial policies. They are also used to deflate the Gross Domestic Product.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.
Title: JTPA Title III Quarterly Status Report.
OMB Number: 1205–0323 (reinstatement with change).
Frequency: Quarterly.
Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.
Number of Respondents: 59.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: 4.5 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 1,062.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.
Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): 0.

Description: The information will be used to assess the Job Training Partnership Act Statewide financial and partnership data. Participant and financial data will be used to respond to congressional oversight, prepare budget requests, and make annual reports to Congress per statute.

Agency: Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Methylene Chloride 29 CFR 1910.1052.
OMB Number: 1218–0179 (revision).
Frequency: On occasion.
Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Federal government, State and Local governments.
Number of Respondents: 92,000.
Average Time per Respondent: 5.7 hours.

Total Burden Hours: 524,593.
Total Annualized capital/startup costs: 0.
Total initial annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$46,187,980.

Description: The Methylene Chloride Standard and its information collection requirements are designed to provide protection for employee from adverse health effects associated with occupational exposure to methylene chloride (MC). The standard requires employers to monitor employee exposure to methylene chloride and inform employees of monitoring results. If monitoring results are above the standard's 8-hour Time Weighted Average permissible exposure limit (PEL) or the short term excursion limit (STEL), then employers must also inform employees of the corrective action that will be taken to reduce employee exposure to or below the 8-hour PEL or STEL. Employers may be required to provide medical surveillance to employees who are or may be exposed to MC. Employers are required to provide information and training to employees on the following: health effects of MC, specifics regarding use of MC in the workplace, the contents of the standard, and means the employee can take to protect themselves

from overexposure to MC. Employers are to allow employee access to their exposure monitoring and medical records, and under certain circumstances employers are to transfer monitoring and medical records to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning the

proposed extension collection of Form WH-46, Application For Certificate to Employ Homeworkers, and Form WH-75, Homeworker Handbook.

Copies of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before July 23, 1997. The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

- 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 collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Rich Elman, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S-3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 219-6375 (this is not a toll-free number), fax 202-219-6592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 11(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), authorizes the Secretary of Labor to regulate, restrict, or prohibit industrial homework as necessary to prevent evasion of the minimum wage requirements of the Act. In order to be permitted to employ homeworkers in the restricted industries (knitted outerwear, women's apparel, jewelry manufacturing, gloves and mittens, button and buckle manufacturing, handkerchief manufacturing and embroideries) under the certification program, an employer must first apply to the Wage and Hour Division for a certificate. The employer's application (WH-46) must contain information required by section 530.102 of Regulations, 29 CFR Part 530, Employment of Homeworkers in Certain Industries, including the names and addresses and languages spoken (other

than English) by the homeworkers. Section 516.31(c) of Regulations, 29 CFR Part 516, Records to be kept by employers, requires that employers obtain from the Wage and Hour Division (WHD), a separate homeworker handbook for each homeworker employed. The employer must insure that all homeworkers make proper entries in the handbook concerning their hours of work.

II. Current Actions

The Department of Labor (DOL) seeks extension of approval to collect this information on: Form WH-46, to provide the WHD a means of identifying employers of homeworkers and individual homeworkers in the restricted industries who may not be identified otherwise; and, on Form WH-75, to ensure that employers fulfill their obligation to obtain and record accurate hours worked information whenever homework is distributed to and collected from employees. Homeworkers record the information as the work is performed. Failure to require an employer to collect this information would make it extremely difficult to determine whether homeworkers are being paid in compliance with the FLSA.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Titles: Application For Certificate to Employ Homeworkers, and Homeworker Handbook.

OMB Number: 1215-0013

Agency Numbers: WH-46 and WH-75.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Not for-profit institutions.

Total Respondents: 14,175.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 56,663.

Average Time Per Response for Reporting: ½ hour for WH-46; ½ hour for WH-75.

Average Time Per Response for Recordkeeping: ½ hour for Piece Rate Measurements; ½ hour for WH-75.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 28,916.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$13.30.

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: May 19, 1997.

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Director, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management Administration and Planning, Employment Standards, Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be