

The firm plans to repackage and offer as pure standards controlled substances in small milligram quantities for drug testing and analysis.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Sigma Chemical Company to import the listed controlled substances is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. Therefore, pursuant to Section 1008(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1311.42, the above firm is granted registration as an importer of the basic classes of controlled substances listed above.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Drug Enforcement Administration

#### Importer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By Notice dated May 5, 1998, and published in the **Federal Register** on May 19, 1998, (63 FR 27591), Stepan Company, Natural Products Department, 100 W. Hunter Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey 07607, made application by renewal to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as an importer of coca leaves (9040), a basic class of controlled substance listed in Schedule II.

The firm plans to import coca leaves to manufacture bulk controlled substances.

No comments or objections have been received. DEA has considered the factors in Title 21, United States Code, Section 823(a) and determined that the registration of Stepan Company to import coca leaves is consistent with the public interest and with United States obligations under international treaties, conventions, or protocols in effect on May 1, 1971, at this time. Therefore pursuant to Section 1008(a) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act and in accordance with Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1301.34, the above firm is granted registration as an importer of the basic

class of controlled substance listed above.

Dated: July 17, 1998.

**John H. King,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Submitted for Public Comment; Employment Services Reporting System

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, DOL.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a pre-clearance 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 (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed ten month extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

A copy of the previously approved information collection request (ICR) 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 October 5, 1998.

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:** John R. Beverly, III, United States Employment Service, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N4470, Washington, DC 20210, Tel. 202-219-5257, Fax 202-219-6643, E-mail jbeverly@doleta.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Introduction

Information on basic labor exchange services is necessary to assure that the States are complying with legal requirements of the Wagner-Peyser Act as amended by the Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Program data items are required from States reporting to the Department of Labor as part of other information in order to determine if the States are complying with the basic labor exchange requirements.

Information regarding employment and training services provided to veterans by State public employment services agencies must be collected by the Department of Labor to satisfy legislative requirements, as follows: (a) to report annually to Congress on specific services (38 U.S.C. 2007(c) and 2012(c)); (b) to establish administrative controls (38 U.S.C. 2007 (b)); and (c) for administrative purposes. These data are reported on the VETS 200 A and B, the VETS 300, and Manager's reports.

#### II. Current Action

The Department is requesting an extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System without changes to data elements, definitions, reporting instructions and/or reporting requirements from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

In response to the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993, the national call for government programs to be more accountable and results oriented, the Department of Labor (DOL), Employment and Training

Administration (ETA), United States Employment Services (USES) has taken the first step to establish performance measures for the public labor exchange programs and labor exchange function for the Workforce Development and One-Stop Career Center service delivery systems.

The United States Employment Service (USES) worked cooperatively with States and other stakeholders to develop program specific performance measures. Performance measures were proposed and comments from stakeholders were requested in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 32564-32578).

The proposed measures are a starting point for development of comprehensive measures for the labor exchange function of the emerging Workforce Development system. It is the Department's intent to use the comments received to develop

performance measures for implementation on July 1, 2000.

The effort to finalize the performance measures, to identify the data elements needed to produce the performance measures and to define specific changes to the ETA reporting requirements will take several months to accomplish the transition to a new reporting system. States will also need time to make the necessary procedural, reporting, and computer software changes that will be necessary. This may be complicated by State efforts to respond to necessary computer program changes for Year 2000 compliance.

In consideration of these issues, the Department is requesting an extension of the Employment Service Program Reporting System without changes from the current end date of August 31, 1999 to a new end date of June 30, 2000.

This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) to extend collection of the Employment Service Program Reporting System data previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0240 and the data reporting for the ETA 9002 A, B, C, including the data reporting for the VETS 200 A and B, VETS 300, the manager's report on services to veterans and recordkeeping.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Employment Service Program Reporting System.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0240.

*Total Respondents:* 54 States and territories.

*Estimated Burden Hours:* 7213.

Reports	Respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden (hours)
USES Rpt .....	54	Quarterly .....	216	2.75	594
VETS Rpt .....	54	Quarterly .....	216	.25	54
USES Rec. ....	54	Quarterly .....	216	12.00	648
VETS 200A .....	54	Quarterly .....	216	.85	184
VETS 200B .....	54	Quarterly .....	216	.85	184
VETS 300 .....	54	Quarterly .....	216	1.00	216
Mgt. Rpt .....	1600	Quarterly .....	6400	.83	5333
Totals .....			7534		7213

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* 0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* 0.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: July 16, 1998.

**John R. Beverly, III,**

*Director, United States Employment Service,  
U.S. Department of Labor.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. ICR-98-31]

#### Electrical Standards for Construction; Information Collection Requirements

**ACTION:** Notice; Opportunity for public comment.

**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 (PRA-95) (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 impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection requirements contained in the Electrical Standards for Construction (29 CFR part 1926, Subpart K). The Agency 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.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before October 5, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments are to be submitted to the Docket Office, Docket No. ICR-98-31, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone (202) 219-7894. Written comments limited to 10 pages or less in length may also be