

that the "contributed importantly" test of the worker group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met for workers at Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania producing glass blocks. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of the workers' firm's customers. The Department of Labor surveyed the major declining customers of the subject firm regarding their purchases of glass blocks. None of the respondents increased their import purchases of glass blocks while decreasing their purchases from the subject firm.

The AFGWU asserts that increased imports of articles directly competitive with articles produced by Pittsburgh Corning has contributed to worker separations at the Port Allegany plant. Further, the aggregate import of the products by competitive firms has greatly contributed to worker separations.

Glass blocks are not separately identifiable in official trade statistics classified in the U.S. International Trade Commission, Harmonized Tariff Schedules. Therefore, in order to determine if criterion (3) of worker group eligibility requirements was met, the Department relied on the survey of customers of the subject firm to determine if imports "contributed importantly" to worker separations.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 11th 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 Collection; Comment Request

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 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 (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the ETA 2112 report: Financial Transaction Summary.

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.

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 responses 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 to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before July 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: James E. Herbert, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room C-4514, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; 202-219-5653 x 380 (this is not a toll-free number); jherbert@doleta.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA 2112 Report, OMB No. 1205-0154, collects, in summary form, totals of all financial transactions affecting the status of each State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF) for the month reported. The transactions include receipts, disbursements, adjustments, and fund balances. The ETA uses report data to monitor UTF funds flows, to identify excessive drawdowns from the UTF, which may cause loss of interest to the UTF, and to record transaction information in the Unemployment Insurance Database and the UTF subsidiary to the Departmental General Ledger. The transaction information is used to compile the annual departmental consolidated financial statements. ETA also uses information on the ETA 2112 for research and actuarial projects: generating statistics on the UI program, projecting benefit financing requirements, and analyzing the solvency of the UTF. That information is used by States, other Federal Agencies, and research groups to manage and analyze UTF activities. Additionally, the ETA uses ETA 2112 information for reviewing proposed State and Federal UI laws, especially pertaining to benefit financing issues, and to monitor State activities conducted under Title IX of the Social Security Act (Reed Act).

It is necessary to revise the ETA 2112 format and instructions to accommodate the reporting of the following changes:

- States may now make reimbursements of Combined Wage Claims (CWC) through the Unemployment Trust Fund Accounting Systems (UTFAS), replacing the old system of issuing a check directly to the State billing for reimbursement.
- States may transfer to the Internal Revenue Service the amounts withheld for Federal income tax purposes from benefit payments directly through the UTFAS.

• In FY 1999 there was a distribution of Reed Act money under section 903 of the Social Security Act. This was the first distribution since FY 1958. The existing ETA 2112, developed long after that distribution, does not provide report cells for new distributions.

Because of these events, the ETA has decided to rewrite the ETA 2112 to include new cells in the report, and to revise reporting instructions accordingly.

II. Current Actions

This action is required to update the ETA 2112 to capture information on financial transactions not available in

the current configuration, specifically automated CWC reimbursements, the transfer of withholding amounts to the IRS, and new Reed Act distributions. The first two items are currently reported on the ETA 2112 in the general "Comments" section.

The revision to the ETA 2112 will provide a separate line for specific reporting.

The Reed Act revision will provide a separate line to report Reed Act activity beyond amounts amortized with Title III administrative grant funds.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Activity, OMB Number: 1205-0154.

Affected Public: State government (State Employment Security Agencies).

Total Respondents: 50 States, Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.

Frequency: Monthly.

Total Responses: 636.

Average Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 636.

Total Burden Cost: 636 × \$26.10 = \$16,600.

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: May 17, 1999.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

Petitions for transitional adjustment assistance under the North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance Implementation Act Pub. L. 103-182, hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA), have been filed with the State Governors under Section 250(b)(1) of Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, are identified in the Appendix to this Notice. Upon notice from a Governor that a NAFTA-TAA petition has been received, the Acting Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance (OTAA), Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Department of Labor (DOL), announces the filing of the petition and takes action pursuant to paragraphs (c) and (e) of Section 250 of the Trade Act.

The purpose of the Governor's actions and the Labor Department's investigations are to determine whether the workers separated from employment on or after December 8, 1993 (date of enactment of Pub. L. 103-182) are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Subchapter D of the Trade Act because of increased imports from or the shift in production to Mexico or Canada.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing with the Acting Director of OTAA at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) in Washington, DC provided such request is filed in writing with the Acting Director of OTAA not later than June 1, 1999.

Also, interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the petitions to the Acting Director of OTAA at the address shown below not later than June 1, 1999.

Petitions filed with the Governors are available for inspection at the Office of the Acting Director, OTAA, ETA, DOL, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of May, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

Subject firm	Location	Date received at Governor's office	Petition No.	Articles produced
Stonecutter Textiles (Wkrs)	Sprindale, NC	04/06/1999	NAFTA-3,076	Greige & finished fabric & yarn.
Cannondale (Wkrs)	Bedford, PA	03/30/1999	NAFTA-3,077	Bike clothing.
Columbia Sportswear (Wkrs)	Portland, OR	04/06/1999	NAFTA-3,078	Examine apparel.
Reach (Co.)	Klamath Falls, OR	04/05/1999	NAFTA-3,079	Lumber.
Good Lad (Wkrs)	Philadelphia, PA	04/07/1999	NAFTA-3,080	Dresses and shirts.
Siemens Information Communication (Wkrs).	Cherry Hill, NJ	03/29/1999	NAFTA-3,081	Voice & data communication equipment.
Breed Technologies (Wkrs)	Maryville, TN	04/06/1999	NAFTA-3,082	Vehicle Safety restraint (airbag).
C.R. Bard (Co.)	Covington, GA	04/09/1999	NAFTA-3,083	Medical devices.
Fort James (Co.)	Portland, OR	04/07/1999	NAFTA-3,084	Tite pak paper.
Plaid Clothing Co. Inc. (Union)	Somerset and Er-langer, KY.	03/25/1999	NAFTA-3,085	Men's tailored clothing.
J.P.S. Convertor (Wkrs)	Rocky Mount, VA	04/19/1999	NAFTA-3,086	Coats—cloth.
Berendsen Fluid Power (Co.)	Rahway, NJ	04/15/1999	NAFTA-3,087	Hydraulic power units/systems.
Barnett Bank (Wkrs)	Tampa, FL	04/02/1999	NAFTA-3,088	Data entry, credit & accounting.
Aloecorp (Wkrs)	Harlingen, TX	03/30/1999	NAFTA-3,089	Concentrator.
Chamberlain (Wkrs)	Waupaca, WI	04/12/1999	NAFTA-3,090	Garage door openers.
Harvard Industrial (Wkrs)	Farmington Hills, MI ..	04/08/1999	NAFTA-3,091	Automotive interior parts.
Goodyear Tire and Rubber (USWA)	Logan, OH	03/29/1999	NAFTA-3,092	Automotive instrument panels.
Thomson Consumer Electronics (Wkrs) ...	Mocksville, NC	04/12/1999	NAFTA-3,093	Wood television cabinets.
Oro Nevada Exploration (Wkrs)	Reno, NV	04/12/1999	NAFTA-3,094	Exploration for gold.
Nashville Textile (Wkrs)	Nashville, GA	04/14/1999	NAFTA-3,095	Legging & children sportswear.
Little Tikes (The)—Newell Rubbermaid (Co.).	Shippensburg, PA	04/13/1999	NAFTA-3,096	Plastic childrens toys.
Repap Technologies (Wkrs)	Valley Forge, PA	04/08/1999	NAFTA-3,097	Pulp and paper.
Carbide Graphite Group (Wkrs)	Calvert City, KY	04/13/1999	NAFTA-3,098	Calcium carbide & acetylene.
Genlight Thomas Group (IBEW)	Hopkinsville, KY	04/15/1999	NAFTA-3,099	Lighting fixtures recess and track.