

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 submission of responses.

*Agency:* Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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

*Title:* Alternative Method of Compliance for Certain Simplified Employee Pensions.

*OMB Number:* 1210-0034.

*Affected Public:* Private Sector—Business or other for-profits

*Total Estimated Number of*

*Respondents:* 35,660.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden*

*Hours:* 21,227.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden:* \$31,297.

*Description:* Section 110 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) authorizes the Secretary of Labor to prescribe alternative methods of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Title I of ERISA for pension plans. The Department's regulations at 29 CFR 2520.104-49 provide an alternative method of disclosure for sponsors of certain types of Simplified Employee Pensions that is easier to comply with than otherwise required under ERISA. For additional information, see related notice published at 73 FR 18003 on April 4, 2008.

**Darrin A. King,**

*Acting Departmental Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Office of the Secretary

#### **Bureau of International Labor Affairs; Office of Trade and Labor Affairs; Central America—Dominican Republic—United States Free Trade Agreement; Notice of Determination Regarding Review of Submission #2008-01**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Trade and Labor Affairs (OTLA) gives notice that on June 12, 2008, Submission #2008-01 was accepted for review pursuant to Article 16.4.3 of Chapter Sixteen (the Labor Chapter) of the Central America—Dominican Republic—United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR).

The submission was filed with the OTLA on April 23, 2008 by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and a group of six Guatemalan trade unions. The submission alleges the Government of Guatemala has violated Articles 16.1.1, 16.2.1(a), and 16.3.1 of the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA-DR with respect to five separate cases. In these cases, the submission alleges that the Government of Guatemala failed to enforce its laws with regard to the right of association and the right to organize and bargain collectively. The submission alleges acts of violence against trade unionists, including two instances of murder. In addition, there are further allegations of failure to enforce laws relating to non-payment of severance and social security benefits. These allegations were supported by specific factual descriptions which, if substantiated, could demonstrate that the Government of Guatemala's actions were inconsistent with its commitments under the Labor Chapter.

The objectives of the review of the submission will be to gather information to assist the OTLA to better understand and publicly report on the issues raised by the submission.

**DATES:** June 12, 2008.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Gregory Schoepfle, Director, Office of Trade and Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S-5303, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693-4900 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Article 16.4.3 of the Labor Chapter of the CAFTA-DR establishes that each Party's contact point shall provide for the submission, receipt, and consideration of communications from persons of a Party on matters related to provisions of the Labor Chapter and shall review such communications in accordance with domestic procedures. The Department of Labor's Office of Trade Agreement Implementation, which in December 2006 was reestablished as the OTLA in a **Federal Register** notice (71 FR 76691 (2006)), was designated as the office to serve as the contact point for implementing the CAFTA-DR's labor provisions. The same **Federal Register** notice informed the public of the Procedural Guidelines that the OTLA would follow for the receipt and review of public submissions. According to the definitions contained in the Procedural Guidelines (Section B) a "submission," as used in the guidelines, means "a communication from the public

containing specific allegations, accompanied by relevant supporting information, that another Party has failed to meet its commitments or obligations arising under a labor chapter." \* \* \*

On April 23, 2008, Submission #2008-01 was filed with the OTLA by the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) and a group of Guatemalan trade unions composed of the Union of Port Quetzal Company Workers (STEPQ), the Union of Izabal Banana Workers (SITRABI), the Union of International Frozen Products, Inc. Workers (SITRAINPROCSA), the Coalition of Avandia Workers, the Union of Fribo Company Workers (SITRAFRIBO), and the Federation of Food and Similar Industries Workers of Guatemala (FESTRAS).

The submission alleges first that the Government of Guatemala has violated Article 16.1.1 of the CAFTA-DR Labor Chapter in which the Parties reaffirm their obligations as members of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and their commitments under the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work (1998), and agree to strive to ensure that the Declaration's principles and the internationally recognized labor rights set forth in Article 16.8 are recognized and protected by its law. Second, the submission alleges that the Government of Guatemala has violated Article 16.2.1(a) which states, "A Party shall not fail to effectively enforce its labor laws, through a sustained or recurring course of action or inaction, in a manner affecting trade between the Parties, after the date of entry into force of [the CAFTA-DR]." Third, the submission alleges that the Government of Guatemala has violated Article 16.3.1, which states, "Each Party shall ensure that persons with a legally recognized interest under its law in a particular matter have appropriate access to tribunals for the enforcement of the Party's labor laws." \* \* \*

To support these allegations, the submission outlines five separate cases in which it alleges that workers were prevented from exercising their right of association and the right to organize and bargain collectively. In several of the cases, serious acts of violence and intimidation are alleged, including murder. Furthermore, the submission alleges that domestic labor laws, which would have protected these workers' rights, were not enforced. The submission also alleges a failure to enforce labor laws relating to payments to the Guatemalan Social Security Institute (the health care system) in two

instances and appropriate legal severance payments in one instance.

The Procedural Guidelines for the OTLA, published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2006, 71 FR 76691, 76695, specify that the OTLA shall consider six factors, to the extent that they are relevant, in determining whether to accept a submission for review. As relating to FTAs, these are as follows: (a) Whether the submission raises issues relevant to any matter arising under a labor chapter; (b) whether a review would further the objectives of a labor chapter; (c) whether the submission clearly identifies the person filing the submission, is signed and dated, and is sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review; (d) whether the statements contained in the submission, if substantiated, would constitute a failure of the other Party to comply with its obligations or commitments under a labor chapter; (e) whether the statements contained in the submission or available information demonstrate that appropriate relief has been sought under the domestic laws of the other Party, or that the matter or a related matter is pending before an international body; and (f) whether the submission is substantially similar to a recent submission and significant, new information has been furnished that would substantially differentiate the submission from the one previously filed.

The OTLA has taken these factors into account and has accepted the submission for review for several reasons. The submission raises issues relevant to the CAFTA–DR Labor Chapter and a review of these issues would further the objectives of the Labor Chapter. The submission clearly identifies the person filing the submission, is signed and dated, and is sufficiently specific to determine the nature of the request and permit an appropriate review. If substantiated, the statements in the submission could constitute a failure on the part of Guatemala, a Party to the CAFTA–DR, to comply with its obligations or commitments under the Labor Chapter, and could demonstrate that relief has been sought under the domestic laws.

The OTLA's decision to accept the submission for review is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission. The objectives of the review will be to gather information to assist the OTLA to better understand and publicly report on the issues raised by the submission. The review will be completed and a public report issued within 180 days, unless

circumstances, as determined by the OTLA, require an extension of time, as set out in the Procedural Guidelines of the OTLA. The public report will include a summary of the review process, as well as findings and recommendations.

Signed at Washington, DC on June 12, 2008.

**Lawrence W. Casey,**

*Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Bureau of International Labor Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### National Indian Gaming Commission

#### Submission of Information Collection Under the Paperwork Reduction Act; Reinstatement

**AGENCY:** National Indian Gaming Commission, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Indian Gaming Commission (“NIGC” or “Commission”), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, is seeking reinstatement of the approval for collection of information for the following information collection activities: (1) Compliance and Enforcement under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA); (2) Privacy Act Procedures; (3) Approval of Class II/ Background Investigation Tribal Licenses; (4) Management Contract Regulations; (5) Freedom of Information Act Procedures; (6) National Environmental Policy Act Procedures; (7) Annual Fees Payable by Indian Gaming Operations; (8) Issuance of Certificates of Self Regulation to Tribes for Class II Gaming; (9) Minimum Internal Control Standards. These information collections have expired.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before July 18, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments can be mailed directly to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: Desk Officer for the National Indian Gaming Commission, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, or mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the attention of Michael Gross or Regina McCoy, National Indian Gaming Commission, 1441 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20005. Comments may be faxed to 202–632–7066 (not a toll-free number). Comments may be sent electronically to [info@nigc.gov](mailto:info@nigc.gov), subject: pra reinstatements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Gross or Regina McCoy, at (202) 632–7003; fax (202) 632–7066 (not toll-free numbers).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Request for Comments

You are invited to comment on the following items to the Desk Office at OMB at the citation in the **ADDRESSES** section.

(a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including the hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumption used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to 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 collection techniques or forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and become a matter of public record.

OMB has up to 60 days to make a decision but may decide after 30 days; therefore, your comments will receive maximum consideration if received during the 30-day period.

We will not request nor sponsor a collection of information, and you need not respond to such a request, if there is no valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number.

##### II. Data

*Title:* Compliance and Enforcement. *OMB Control Number:* 3141–0001.

*Background:* The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*) (IGRA) governs the regulation of gaming on Indian lands. Although the IGRA places primary responsibility with the tribes for regulating gaming, Section 2706(b) directs the NIGC to monitor gaming conducted on Indian lands on a continuing basis. IGRA authorizes the NIGC to access and inspect all papers, books and records relating to gaming conducted on Indian lands. IGRA also requires tribes to provide NIGC with annual independent audits of gaming, including contracts in excess of \$25,000.00. 25 U.S.C. 2710(b)(2)(c), (d); 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(1)(A)(ii). In accordance with these statutory responsibilities, 25 CFR 571.7 requires Indian gaming operations to keep