

workers are engaged in the production of steel slabs. New information shows that some workers separated from employment at Lone Star Steel Company had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for Martin Marietta. Workers from Martin Marietta repair and maintain slab furnaces used in the production of steel slabs at the Lone Star, Texas location of Lone Star Steel Company. Worker separations occurred at Martin Marietta as a result of worker separations at Lone Star Steel Company.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of Martin Marietta, Lone Star, Texas who were engaged in employment related to the production of steel slabs at Lone Star Steel Company, Lone Star, Texas.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Lone Star Steel Company who were adversely affected by the shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA—02563 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Lone Star Steel Company, Lone Star, Texas engaged in employment related to the production of steel slabs and all workers of Martin Marietta, Lone Star, Texas engaged in employment related to repairing and maintaining slab furnaces for the production of steel slabs at Lone Star Steel Company, Lone Star, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 6, 1997 through September 2, 2000 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 22nd day of March, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on December 28, 1998 applicable to workers of Nabors USA, Inc., East Texas/North Louisiana District, headquarters in Kilgore, Texas operating at various locations in Texas and Louisiana. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 1999 (64 FR 3721).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations have occurred at Nabors Drilling USA, Inc., California District operating at various locations in California. The workers provide drilling services related to the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Nabor Drilling USA, Inc. adversely affected by increased imports. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers of Nabors Drilling USA, Inc., California District operating at various locations in California.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-35,200 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of East Texas/North Louisiana District of Nabors Drilling USA, Inc., headquartered in Kilgore, Texas (TA-W-35,200), and the California District operating at various locations in California (TA-W-35,200C) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 22, 1997 through December 28, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of March, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Worker Adjustment Assistance on July 14, 1998, applicable to all workers of Phillips-Van Heusen Corp., Geneva, and Ozark, Alabama. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 1998 (63 FR 42434).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information provided by the company shows that employees of Izod-Gant Corp. and BassNet, Geneva and Ozark, Alabama were employed by Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. to produce men's dress and casual shirts at the Geneva and Ozark, Alabama locations. Worker separations occurred at Izod-Gant Corp. and BassNet as a result of workers separations at Phillips-Van Heusen Corp.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of Izod-Gant Corp. and BassNet Geneva and Ozark, Alabama employed at Phillips-Van Heusen Corp., Geneva and Ozark, Alabama.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. adversely affected by imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-34,582 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. and workers of Izod-Gant Corp. and BassNet, Geneva and Ozark, Alabama engaged in employment related to men's dress and casual shirts at Phillips-Van Heusen Corp., Geneva and Ozark, Alabama who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 14, 1997 through July 14, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of March, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Training Administration

[TA-W-35,200]

Nabors Drilling USA, Inc., East Texas North Louisiana District Headquartered in Kilgore, Texas and California District, Operating at Various Locations in TA-W-35-200C California; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a

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Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,582]

Phillips-Van Heusen Corp. Including Workers of Izod-Gant Corp. and BassNet, Geneva, Alabama and Ozark, Alabama; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for

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[TA-W-35,451 and TA-W-35,451B]

The Pillsbury Co., Haagen-Dazs Plant, Woodbridge, NJ, and Haagen-Dazs Warehouse Operation, Dayton, NJ; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification Regarding Eligibility to

Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on February 4, 1999, applicable to workers of The Pillsbury Company, Haagen-Dazs Plant located in Woodbridge, New Jersey. The notice will be published soon in the **Federal Register**.

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information shows that worker separations occurred at the Haagen-Dazs Warehouse Operation of The Pillsbury Company, Dayton, New Jersey when it closed in March, 1999. The Dayton, New Jersey location provided warehousing and distribution services for The Pillsbury Company, Haagen-Dazs's production facilities including Woodbridge, New Jersey. The workers are engaged in the production of ice cream products (gallons of ice cream, stick bars, pops and sorbet).

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover the workers of The Pillsbury Company, Haagen-Dazs Warehouse Operation, Dayton, New Jersey.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of The Pillsbury Company, Haagen-Dazs who were adversely affected by increased imports of ice cream products.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-35,451 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of The Pillsbury Company, Haagen-Dazs Plant, Woodbridge, New Jersey (TA-W-35,451) and Haagen-Dazs Warehouse Operation, Dayton, New Jersey (TA-W-35,451A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 21, 1997 through February 11, 2001 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 19th day of March, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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 and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning a proposed revision to Form ETA 581, Contribution Operations. A copy of the entire proposed 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 June 4, 1999.

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: Constance I. Peterkin, Room S-4522, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; telephone number: (202) 219-5615, extension 198 (this is not a toll-free number); internet address: cpeterkin@doleta.gov; facsimile number: (202) 219-8506.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Unemployment Insurance Service (UIS) of the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) has three programs which evaluate the separate functions within the Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. The Benefit Accuracy Measurement (BAM) program assesses the accuracy of paying UI

benefits. The Benefit Timeliness and Quality (BTQ) program assesses the quality and timeliness of UI benefit functions; while the Tax Performance System (TPS) evaluates the employer-related functions or tax operations of the UI program. The Contribution Operations report (Form ETA 581), is a comprehensive report of each state's UI tax operations and is essential in providing quarterly tax performance data to DOL/ETA/UIS, the source of grants funding authority. ETA 581 data is the basis for determining the adequacy of funding States' UI tax operations and measuring the performance and effectiveness of such operations. These are required Federal functions under the Federal-State UI program.

Using ETA 581 data, the TPS program measures performance, accuracy, and promptness in employer registration (status determination), report delinquency, collections (accounts receivable), and the audit function.

II. Current Actions

A new item, "Number of Employees Misclassified as Independent Contractors" (discovered through audits of employers), is being added. Misclassification of employees as independent contractors represent lost revenues to State unemployment funds from taxes based on the wages of such employees and lower UI benefit reciprocity rates upon their unemployment. The collection of this new information will provide an indication of the extent of misclassification and eliminate the need for periodic surveys requesting such information. As a result of adding this new item, the average response time is estimated to increase by 0.5 hours.

The ETA 581 report is the only vehicle for collection of information on States' UI tax operations required under the TPS program. If ETA 581 data were not collected, there would be no basis for determining the adequacy of funding for States' UI tax operations, making projections and forecasts in conjunction with the budgetary process, nor measuring program performance and effectiveness. The ETA 581 accounts receivable data are necessary in the preparation of complete and accurate financial statements for the unemployment Trust Fund (UTF) and the maintenance of a modified accrual system for UTF accounting.

Type of Review: Revision.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Contribution Operations.

OMB Number: 1205-0178.

Agency Number: ETA 581.