

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Under legal authority granted by Social Security Act, Title III, Section 303(a)(6), the State-Federal Unemployment Insurance Service (UIS) relies on the accurate counting and reporting of Federally defined workloads by State Employment Security agencies (SESAs) as:

- An input to determining the amount of dollars each State receives from DOL to fund the administrative costs of the UI system;
- An essential element in determining levels of unemployment

which trigger on or off special unemployment compensation programs;

- Input to econometric models and research projects; and
- Data to evaluate State performance under the UI program.

The UIS funds the administrative costs of individual SESAs based on workload counts and on the time required to perform work related functions. The budgeted workload items are:

Initial Claims
Additional Claims
Continued Claims
Nonmonetary Determinations
Appeals
Subject Employers
Wage Records

States are required to report these items together with other data items on a monthly or quarterly basis on OMB approved forms. States have the responsibility for developing their own system of collecting data and compiling report items. As a result, there are almost as many different systems for developing data as there are States.

Prior to the inception of the UI Workload Validation process, investigation showed that workload definitions were being interpreted

differently by the various SESAs. In order to correct these discrepancies, an effort was initiated to review and clarify workload item definitions on.

II. Current Actions

SESAs have made definite improvements since the beginning of the program. However, some States which did improve early developed problems again in later years. Identifying and correcting problems one year does not guarantee the problem is solved forever. Changes in staff, lack of continued training, and other variables, such as automating the reporting of items that were previously reported manually, effect the proper reporting over time. It is important to revalidate at intervals to assure problems have not resurfaced or that new problems have not developed.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Data Validation Handbook No. 361.

OMB Number: 1205-0055.

Agency Number: 1205.

Affected Public: State Government.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response	Burden (hours)
Data Validation Questionnaire	53	Annually	53	2	106
Worksheet No. 1	53	Annually	53	4	212
Worksheet No. 2	53	Annually	583	1.5	874.5
Worksheets A & B	<10	Annually	0	0	0
Worksheet No. 3	53	Annually	1060	.4	424
Worksheet No. 4	53	Annually	1060	.6	636
Worksheet No. 5	53	Annually	1060	.4	424
Worksheet No. 6	<10	Annually	0	0	0
Worksheet No. 7	53	Annually	1060	2	2120
Worksheet No. 8	53	Annually	530	2.4	1272
Worksheet No. 9	53	Annually	530	.8	424
Worksheet No. 10	53	Annually	53	4	212
Prepare Plan	53	Annually	53	1.5	79.5
Prepare Summary Report	53	Annually	53	4	212
Totals	6148	6996

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: June 4, 1997.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA—01228]

Boise Cascade Corporation Paper Division Vancouver, Washington; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On February 4, 1997, the Department, issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration regarding the petition for workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on December 6, 1996, because Boise Cascade did not import coated and security paper from sources located in Canada or Mexico, nor was there a shift of production to Canada of Mexico. Furthermore, a survey of the subject firm's customers revealed that none of the customers reported purchasing paper from Canada or Mexico during the relevant periods. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 24, 1996 (61 FR 67858).

On reconsideration, the Department found that the customer survey

conducted for the initial investigation was limited to those customers purchasing coated and uncoated paper used to make business forms. Other findings on reconsideration show that prior to the closure of Boise Cascade's Paper Division in Vancouver, various paper products accounted for the primary output at the plant. Company officials supplied the Department a list of customers accounting for the sales decline at the subject plant. New findings show that some customers reported increased import purchases of paper products from Mexico and Canada (both direct and indirect) in 1995 compared to 1994, and in January through September 1996 compared to the same time period of 1995. Sales, production and employment declined during the relevant period.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles from Canada and Mexico like or directly competitive with paper products, contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of Boise Cascade Corporation, Paper Division, Vancouver, Washington. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Boise Cascade Corporation, Paper Division, Vancouver, Washington who become totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 9, 1995, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, DC this 27th day of May 1997.

Russell T. Kile,

Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01370 and NAFTA-1370A]

JH Collectibles; Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment

Assistance on February 12, 1997, applicable to all workers of JH Collectibles located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 1997 (62 FR 11474).

At the request of the State Agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers provide support services related to the production of women's clothing. Information provided by the State agency shows that worker separations have occurred at the Pigeon Forge location of the subject firm. The workers provide support services related to the production of women's clothing. Based on this information, the Department is amending the worker certification to include the Pigeon Forge location of JH Collectibles.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01370 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of JH Collectibles, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (NAFTA-01370) and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (NAFTA-01370), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 22, 1995, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 23rd day of May 1997.

Russell T. Kile,

Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01110 & 01110A]

Jolie Handbag, Incorporated; Hialeah, Florida and Laredo, Texas; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on July 26, 1996 applicable to all workers of Jolie Handbag, Incorporated in Hialeah, Florida. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 1996 (61 FR 43792).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations occurred at Jolie Handbag's Laredo, Texas facility when it closed during April, 1997. The workers were engaged in employment related to the production of ladies' handbags.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at the subject firms' Laredo, Texas location.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Jolie Handbag who were adversely affected by increased imports from Mexico or Canada.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01110 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Jolie Handbag, Hialeah, Florida (NAFTA-01110), and Laredo, Texas (NAFTA-01110A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 11, 1995, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 22d day of May, 1997.

Russell T. Kile,

Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01405]

McDonnell Douglas, Long Beach, California; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of February 6, 1997, counsel for United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Local 148, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply to NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-01405) for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on January 23, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6804).

The petitioner presents evidence that the subject firm increased reliance on subcontractors for the production of insulation blankets in Mexico and slat track assembly in Canada.