

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before May 30, 1997.

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 or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**ADDRESSEE:** Mark Wolkow, Department of Labor, Room S-4502 Frances Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20210; (202) 219-8184 x123 (phone); (202) 219-4975 (fax); mwolkow@dol.gov (email).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background*

The Debt Collection Act of 1982 and the Federal Claims Collection Standards, as implemented in the Department by 29 CFR part 20, require Federal agencies to afford debtors the opportunity to exercise certain rights before the agency reports a debt to a credit bureau or makes an administrative offset. In the exercise of these rights, the debtor may be asked to provide a written explanation of the basis for disputing the amount or existence of a debt alleged owed the agency. A debtor may also be required to provide asset, income, liability, or other information necessary for the agency to determine the debtor's ability to repay the debt, including any interest, penalties and administrative costs assessed.

Information provided by the debtor will be evaluated by the agency official responsible for collection of the debt in order to reconsider his/her initial decision with regard to the existence or amount of the debt. Information concerning the debtor's assets, income, liabilities, etc., will be used by the agency official responsible for collection

of the debt to determine whether the agency's action with regard to administrative offset or the assessment of interest, administrative costs or penalties would create undue financial hardship for the debtor, or to determine whether the agency should accept the debtor's proposed repayment schedule.

If a debtor disputes or asks for reconsideration of the agency's determination concerning the debt, the debtor will be required to provide the information or documentation necessary to state his/her case. Presumably, the agency's initial determination would not change without the submission of new information.

Information concerning the debtor's assets, income, liabilities, etc., would typically not be available to the agency unless submitted by the debtor.

*II. Current Actions*

Failure of the agency to request the information described would either violate the debtor's rights under the Debt Collection Act of 1982 or limit the agency's ability to collect outstanding debts.

If a debtor wishes to appeal an agency action based on undue financial hardship, he/she may be asked to submit information on his/her assets, income, liabilities, or other information considered necessary by the agency officials for evaluating the appeal. Use of the information will be explained to the debtor when it is requested; consent to use the information for the specific purpose will be implied from the debtor's submission of the information.

*III. Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*IV. Agency:* Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

*V. Title:* Disclosure of Information to Credit Reporting Agencies; Administrative Offset; Interest penalties and Administrative Costs.

*VI. OMB Number:* 1225-0030.

*VII. Agency Number:* N/A.

*VIII. Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; small business or organizations; farms; Federal employees.

*IX. Cite/Reference/Form/etc:* It is estimated that 10% of the individuals and organizations indebted to the Department will contest the proposed collection action and will request an administrative review and/or appeal an action based on undue financial hardship. In some case the debtor will make one request, but not the other. However, in most cases, it is expected that the debtor will request both actions—first, administrative review of the determination of indebtedness, and

second, relief because of undue financial hardship.

Annual burden was estimated based on a review of debtor responses to similar requests for information. Debtors typically respond in 1-2 page letters, supplemented by copies of documents. Letters are most often typewritten. Annual burden is based on a 1 3/4 hour time allotment to prepare and type a letter. Debtors will not be asked to respond on a form.

*X. Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 12,250.

*XI. Estimated Total Burden Cost:*

*Estimated annual cost to the Federal Government:* \$734,650.

*Estimated annual cost to the respondents:* \$239,890.

Comment 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: March 25, 1997.

**Michael N. Griffin,**

*Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer.*

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**Office of the Secretary**

**Bureau of International Labor Affairs;  
U.S. National Administrative Office;  
North American Agreement on Labor  
Corporation; Address and Change of  
Date of Hearing on Submission #9602**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Labor.

**ACITON:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On March 13, 1997, the Department provided notice in the **Federal Register** of a hearing, open to the public, on Submission #9602. The notice stated that the hearing would be held in Tucson, Arizona, on April 17, 1997, at a location to be announced.

The purpose of this notice is to provide the address for the hearing on Submission #9602 and to announce a change of date.

**DATES:** The hearing on Submission #9602 will be held on April 18, 1997, commencing at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held at the Mayor and City Council Chambers located at City Hall, 255 West Alameda, Tucson Arizona 85701. Tel: 520-791-4213.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irasema T. Garza, Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution

Avenue, NW., Room C-4327, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 501-6653 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Please refer to the notice published in the **Federal Register** on March 13, 1997 (62 FR 11924) for supplementary information.

Signed at Washington, DC., on March 26, 1997.

**Irasema T. Garza,**

*Secretary, National Administrative Office.*

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## Employment and Training Administration

### Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of March, 1997.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) That a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) That sales or production, or both, of the firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely, and

(3) That increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

### Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

*TA-W-33,006; East Point Seafood Co., South Bend, WA*

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

*TA-W-33,224; Personal Products Co/Johnson & Johnson, Milltown, NJ*  
*TA-W-33,130; Zenith Electronics Corp. of Texas, McAllen, TX*  
*TA-W-33,287; D.D. Jones Transfer & Warehouse Co., Inc., Harrisburg, PA*  
*TA-W-33,065; Richland Development (Penzoil Co), Houston, TX*

The workers firm does not produce an article as required for certification under section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

*TA-W-33,000 & A, B, C; Pratt & Whitney, North Haven, CT, Middletown, CT, & Rocky Hill, CT*

The investigation revealed that criteria (2) has not been met. Sales or production did not decline during the relevant period as required for certification.

*TA-W-33,107; Systems and Electronics, Inc., West Plains, MO*

Worker layoffs at the subject firm were attributable to a cessation of production that was caused by technical problems. Other employment declines were the result of a work stoppage.

*TA-W-33,150; Cinch Connector, Div. of Labinal Components & Systems, Inc., Lombard, IL*

*TA-W-33,125; New River Castings Co., Radford, VA*

The investigation revealed that criteria (2) and criteria (3) have not been met. Sales or production did not decline during the relevant period as required for certification. Increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have not contributed importantly to the separations or threat thereof, and the absolute decline in sales or production.

*TA-W-33,186; Mail-Well I Corp., dba Quality Park Products, St. Paul, MN*  
*TA-W-33,222; Coltec Industries, Inc., Div. of FMD Electronics Operations, Roscoe, IL*

Layoffs at the subject firm were caused by the consolidation operations transferring the production of the subject plant to another domestic facility.

*TA-W-33,053; Mid-America Dairymen, Inc., Sabetha, KS*

Subject plant closure was due to the reduction of relevant products available in the area the company relocated; work previously performed at the subject plant and consolidated operations.

*TA-W-33,063; Ball Corp., Columbus, IN*  
*TA-W-33,029; Willamette Industries, Inc., Plywood Div., Dallas, OR*

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

*TA-W-33,068; Smith and Wesson, Springfield, MA*

U.S. imports of handguns declined significantly in the Jan-Sept period of 1996 compared with the same period of 1995.

### Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

The following certifications have been issued; the date following the company name & location for each determination references the impact date for all workers for such determination.

*TA-W-33,219; Tectronics, Inc, Berlin, CT; February 5, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,181; ADA Garment Finishers, Inc., El Paso, TX; January 23, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,111; Davol, Inc., Cranston, RI; January 3, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,074; R & W Apparel, Scottsboro, AL; December 18, 1995.*  
*TA-W-33,131; Carolina Knits, Inc., Statesville, NC; January 8, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,176; Binks Sames Corp., Franklin Park, IL; January 26, 1996*  
*TA-W-33,020; Weldotron Corp., Piscataway, NJ; December 10, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,246; Schindler Elevator Corp., Randolph, NJ; February 10, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,011; Joe Manufacturing, San Francisco CA; November 18, 1995.*  
*TA-W-33,179; Joyce Sportswear Co., Gary, IN; January 30, 1996.*  
*TA-W-33,047; Lance Garment Corp., Red Bay, AL; December 12, 1995.*  
*TA-W-33,083, A & B; Sparkle Sportswear, Inc., Rahway, NJ, New York, NY, and Pulaski, VA; December 4, 1995.*  
*TA-W-33,194; Hasbro Corporate Offices, Pawtucket, RI, A; Hasbro, Inc., Pawtucket, RI, B; Rhole Island Manufacturing (RIM), Central Falls, RI, C; Hasbro Manufacturing Services, Easley, SC, D; Hasbro Manufacturing Services, Northvale, NJ, E; Hasbro Toy Group, Cincinnati, OH, F; Hasbro Games Group—Milton Bradley Co, East Longmeadow, MA, G; Hasbro Games Group—Parker Brothers, Beverly, MA, H; Hasbro Games Group—MB Wood Products, Fairfax, VT, I; Hasbro Manufacturing Services, Arcade, NY; February 1, 1997.*

Also, pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA) and in accordance with section 250(a) Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act as amended, the Department of Labor presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for NAFTA-TAA issued during the month of March, 1997.