

Register on January 29, 1999 (64 FR 4713).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers produce (cut) men's pants and some other apparel. New findings show that there was a previous certification covering the same worker group, NAFTA-01200, issued on October 23, 1996. That certification expired October 23, 1998. To avoid an overlap in worker group coverage, the certification is being amended to change the impact date from December 27, 1997 to October 24, 1998 for the workers of Southwest Fashion, Inc., El Paso Texas.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-02814 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Southwest Fashion, Inc., El Paso, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 24, 1998 through January 19, 2001 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of March, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade; Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-2360, NAFTA-2360B and NAFTA-2360C]

VF Knitwear, Inc., Hillsville, VA Commerce Plant, Commerce, GA and Ferrum Plant, Ferrum, VA; 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 June 8, 1998, applicable to workers of VF Knitwear, Inc., Hillsville, Virginia. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 13, 1998 (63 FR 37591).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The company reports that worker separations occurred at the Commerce Plant, Commerce, Georgia and the Ferrum Plant, Ferrum, Virginia facilities of VF Knitwear, Inc. All workers will be separated from the Commerce, Georgia

and Ferrum, Virginia locations when they close permanently in June, 1999. The workers are engaged in the production of t-shirts and fleecewear.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of VF Knitwear, Inc. adversely affected by increased imports from Mexico. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of VF Knitwear, Inc., Commerce Plant, Commerce, Georgia and Ferrum Plant, Ferrum, Virginia.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-2360 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of VF Knitwear, Inc., Hillsville, Virginia (NAFTA-2360), Commerce Plant, Commerce, Georgia (NAFTA-2360B) and Ferrum Plant, Ferrum, Virginia (NAFTA-2360C) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 1, 1997 through June 8, 2000, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 11th day of March, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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NATIONAL MEDIATION BOARD

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Application for Mediation Services, and Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Mediation Board, 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 National Mediation Board is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the Application for Mediation Services, and the Application for Investigation of Representation Dispute.

A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the employee listed below in the contact section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 1999.

Written comments should:

- 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: Send comments to Reba F. Streaker, Records Officer, National Mediation Board, 1301 K Street, N.W., Suite 250 East, Washington, DC 20572. Telephone No. (202) 692-5050 and FAX No. (202) 692-5086.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Application for Mediation Services, NMB-2

I. Background

Section 5, First of the Railway Labor Act, 45 U.S.C., 155, First, provides that both, or either, of the parties to the labor-management dispute may invoke the mediation services of the National Mediation Board. Congress has determined that it is in the nation's best interest to provide for Governmental mediation as the primary dispute resolution mechanism to resolve labor-management disputes in the railroad and airline industries.

The Railway Labor Act is silent as to how the invocation of mediation is to be accomplished and the Board has not promulgated regulations requiring any specific vehicle. Nonetheless, 29 CFR 1203.1, provides that applications for mediation services be made on printed forms which may be secured from the National Mediation Board. This section of the regulations provides that applications should be submitted in duplicate, show the exact nature of the dispute, the number of employees involved, name of the carrier and name of the labor organization, date of agreement between the parties, date and