

At its first meeting, the Technical Committee on Rules of Origin (TCRO) invited comments on the subject of minimal processing operations that are considered not to confer origin. The United States administration accordingly submits the following comments and proposal.

While there are numerous operations that, in specific instances, will not confer origin, there are only a few operations that never or almost never effect a substantial transformation. Consequently, only a limited number of minimal processing operations should be recognized in a general rule as not conferring origin. Although for any specific product certain processes ought not to confer origin, it is the view of the U.S.

administration that such situations are best addressed by tariff shift rules that do not recognize particular processes as origin-conferring for a specific product.

The rule should apply to negate only the operation of the tariff shift rules. The rule would operate to preclude conferring origin only when an origin-conferring change in tariff classification is accomplished solely by means of one or more of the listed processing operations. The rule would not operate to preclude conferring origin on goods if the change in tariff classification occurred as a result of other operations, even though one or more of the "minimal processing" operations occurred as well.

The rule should not affect the definition of wholly obtained goods or apply to any supplementary rules, even when those goods undergo such listed operations. The U.S. administration believes the following ought to be included in this enumeration:

Change in tariff classification resulting solely from a change in the use of the article;

Simple packing or packaging for retail sale;

Mere dilution with water or another substance that does not alter the essential character of the good; and

Dismantling or disassembly in order to facilitate transportation.

The U.S. administration wishes to emphasize that the appropriate content of this enumeration depends heavily on the nature and effect of the tariff shift rules yet to be considered. As a result, this issue should be reconsidered after the tariff shift rules have been completed.

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[Investigation No. 337-TA-371]

Order No. 39: Order Designating Investigation "More Complicated"

In the Matter of Certain Memory Devices With Increased Capacitance and Products Containing Same.

Rule 210.22(b) of the Commission's final rules published August 30, 1994 (59 FR 39020), permits the administrative law judge to issue sua sponte an order designating an investigation "more complicated" in order to have up to six months of additional time to adjudicate a complainant's request for permanent

relief under Section 337 of the Tariff Act.

In a telephone conference attended by counsel for all parties on June 6, 1995, I advised the parties that I would designate this investigation "more complicated" and set the hearing to commence September 18, 1995. The parties agreed to the September 18 hearing date. The reason for the more complicated designation is the unexpected reassignment of the investigation to me on June 2, 1995, and the need to fit it in with my existing docket.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that this investigation be designated "more complicated". A revised procedural schedule will be issued separately. The Secretary is requested to publish this order in the **Federal Register**.

Issued: June 9, 1995.

Sidney Harris,

Administrative Law Judge.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Recordkeeping/Reporting Requirements Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

June 15, 1995.

The Department of Labor has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) of 1980, as amended (P.L. 96-511). Copies may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Theresa M. O'Malley ({202} 219-5095).

Comments and questions about the ICRs listed below should be directed to Ms. O'Malley, Office of Information Resources Management Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N-1301, Washington, DC 20210. Comments should also be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for (BLS/DM/ESA/ETA/OAW/MSHA/OSHA/PWBA/VETS), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10325, Washington, DC 20503 ({202} 395-7316).

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Type of Review: Revision
Agency: Bureau of Labor Statistics
Title: National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 79

OMB Number: 1220-0109

Agency number: NORC-4531

Frequency: Biennially

Affected Public: Individuals or households

Number of Respondents: 8,850

Estimated Time per Respondent: 100 minutes

Total Burden Hours: 14,750

Description: The information provided in this survey will be used by the Department of Labor and other government agencies to help understand and explain the employment, unemployment, and related problems faced by young men and women in this age group.

Type of Review: Revision

Agency: Employment Standards Administration

Title: Application for a Farm Labor Contractor Employee Certificate of Registration

OMB Number: 1215-0037

Agency number: WH-512 MIS

Frequency: On occasion

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; Farms

Number of Respondents: 2,700

Estimated Time per Respondent: 30 minutes

Total Burden Hours: 1,350

Description: The Migrant Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act provides that no individual may perform farm labor contracting activities without a certificate of registration. Form WH-512 MIS is an application form which provides the Department of Labor with the information necessary to issue a certificate specifying the farm labor contracting activities authorized.

Type of Review: Extension

Agency: Employment Standards Administration

Title: Medical Travel Refund Request

OMB Number: 1215-0054

Agency Number: CM-957

Frequency: On occasion

Affected Public: Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit

Number of Respondents: 12,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 10 minutes

Total Burden Hours: 2,000

Description: This form is used by coal miners requesting reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred when traveling to medical providers for black lung diagnostic testing or treatment of their black lung disease.