

make the following revised determination:

All workers of Sangamon, Incorporated, Taylorville, Illinois, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 22, 1997 through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 5th day of May 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

ETA-5130 Benefit Appeals Report; 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 (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 is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension collection of the ETA-5130 Benefit Appeals Report. A copy of the proposed information collection request 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 July 20, 1998. 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: Jack Bright, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-4516, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 219-5340, ext. 177 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The ETA-5130, Benefit Appeals Report, contains information on the number of unemployment insurance appeals and the resultant decisions classified by program, appeals level, cases filed and disposed of (workflow), and decisions by level, appellant and issue. The data on this report is used by both the Regional and National Office Unemployment Insurance staff to monitor the benefit appeals process in the State Employment Security Agencies (SESAs) and to develop any needed plans for remedial action. The data is also needed for workload budgeting and to determine administrative funding. If this information were not available, developing problems might not be discovered early enough to prevent the solutions from being extremely time consuming and costly.

II. Current Actions

Continued collection of the ETA-5130 data will provide for continuous monitoring of the SESAs appellate processes and needed data for the budgeting and administrative funding activities. The data is collected monthly so that developing backlogs of undecided appeals can be detected as early as possible.

Type of Review: Extension.
Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Benefit Appeals Report.
OMB Number: 1205-0172.
Agency Number: ETA-9016.
Affected Public: State Governments.
Cite/Reference/Form: ETA 5130.
Total Respondents: 53.
Frequency: Monthly.
Total Responses: 636.

Average Time per Response: 2.5 hours.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 1620 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): 0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$32,400.

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: May 14, 1998.

Grace A. Kilbane,

Director, Unemployment Insurance Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-02148]

Sangamon, Inc., Taylorville, Illinois; Revised Determination on Reconsideration

In response to a letter of March 26, 1998, from the United States Paperworkers International Union (UPIU) Local 637, requesting administrative reconsideration of the Department's denial of NAFTA-TAA for workers of the subject firm, the Department reopened its investigation for the former workers of Sangamon, Incorporated. The workers produce everyday and seasonal greeting cards.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on March 6, 1998, because criteria (3) and (4) of paragraph (a)(1) of section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. Sangamon, Incorporated did not import greeting cards from sources located in Mexico or Canada, nor was there a shift in production of greeting cards from the Taylorville plant to Mexico or Canada. Furthermore, a survey of the subject firm's customers revealed that none of the customers reported any purchases of greeting cards from Mexico or Canada in 1996 or 1997. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 1998 (63 FR 13879).

On reconsideration, the Department conducted further survey analysis of the major declining customer of Sangamon, Incorporated. New survey information shows that the major declining customer has indirect import purchases of greeting cards from Canada while reducing purchases from the subject firm.