

ACTION: Scheduling of expedited five-year reviews concerning the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on sulfanilic acid from China and India.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(3)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders on sulfanilic acid from China and India would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury within a reasonably foreseeable time. For further information concerning the conduct of these reviews and rules of general application, consult the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A, D, E, and F (19 CFR part 207). Recent amendments to the Rules of Practice and Procedure pertinent to five-year reviews, including the text of subpart F of part 207, are published at 63 F.R. 30599, June 5, 1998, and may be downloaded from the Commission's World Wide Web site at <http://www.usitc.gov/rules.htm>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Baker (202-205-3180), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server <http://www.usitc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On January 7, 2000, the Commission determined that the domestic interested party group responses to its notice of institution (64 FR 53412, October 1, 1999) were adequate and the respondent interested party group responses were inadequate. The Commission did not find any other circumstances that would warrant conducting full reviews.¹ Accordingly, the Commission

determined that it would conduct expedited reviews pursuant to section 751(c)(3) of the Act.²

Staff Report

A staff report containing information concerning the subject matter of the reviews will be placed in the nonpublic record on April 17, 2000, and made available to persons on the Administrative Protective Order service list for these reviews. A public version will be issued thereafter, pursuant to section 207.62(d)(4) of the Commission's rules.

Written Submissions

As provided in section 207.62(d) of the Commission's rules, interested parties that are parties to the reviews and that have provided individually adequate responses to the notice of institution,³ and any party other than an interested party to the reviews may file written comments with the Secretary on what determination the Commission should reach in the reviews. Comments are due on or before April 20, 2000, and may not contain new factual information. Any person that is neither a party to these five-year reviews nor an interested party may submit a brief written statement (which shall not contain any new factual information) pertinent to the reviews by April 20, 2000. However, should Commerce extend the time limit for its completion of the final results of its reviews, the deadline for comments (which may not contain new factual information) on Commerce's final results is three business days after the issuance of Commerce's results. If comments contain business proprietary information (BPI), they must conform with the requirements of sections 201.6, 207.3, and 207.7 of the Commission's rules. The Commission's rules do not authorize filing of submissions with the Secretary by facsimile or electronic means.

In accordance with sections 201.16(c) and 207.3 of the rules, each document filed by a party to the reviews must be served on all other parties to the reviews (as identified by either the public or BPI service list), and a certificate of service must be timely filed. The Secretary will not accept a document for filing without a certificate of service.

² Commissioner Okun did not participate in this phase of the five-year reviews.

³ The Commission has found the response submitted by NFC to be individually adequate. Comments from other interested parties will not be accepted (see 19 CFR 207.62(d)(2)).

Determinations

The Commission has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission's rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: January 12, 2000.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

January 6, 2000.

The Department of Labor (DOL) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). A copy of each individual ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Department of Labor. To obtain documentation for BLS, ETA, PWBA, and OASAM contact Karin Kurz (202) 219-5096 ext. 159 or by e-mail to Kurz-Karin@dol.gov. To obtain documentation for ESA, MSHA, OSHA, and VETS contact Darrin King ((202) 219-5096 ext. 151 or by e-mail to King-Darrin@dol.gov).

Comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for BLS, DM, ESA, ETA, MSHA, OSHA, PWBA, or VETS, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 ((202) 395-7316), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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;

¹ A record of the Commissioners' votes, the Commission's statement on adequacy, and any individual Commissioner's statements will be available from the Office of the Secretary and at the Commission's web site.

- 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Executive Order 12933, 29 CFR Part 9, Nondisplacement of Qualified Workers Under Certain Contracts.

OMB Number: 1215-0190.

Frequency: On occasion.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit, Individuals or households, Federal government.

Number of Respondents: 88.

Estimated Time Per respondent: 15 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 22 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: These rules provide recordkeeping requirements in certain building service contracts documenting offers of employment of a successor contractor.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

Proposed Extension of Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendation; Definition of "Plan Assets"—Participant Contributions

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (the Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, provides 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 (PRA 95) (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 Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of a currently approved collection of information, Definition of Plan Assets—Participant Contributions, CFR § 2510.3-102. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the individual listed below in the address section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Gerald B. Lindrew, Department of Labor, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210, (202) 219-4782 (not a toll-free number), FAX (202) 219-4745.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This regulation describes when certain monies, which a participant pays to or has withheld by an employer for contribution to an employee benefit plan, are "plan assets" for purposes of Title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the related prohibited transaction provisions of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The regulation establishes that participant contributions to an employee pension benefit plan become plan assets on the earliest date that they can reasonably be segregated from an employer's general assets, but in no event later than 15 business days for pension plans, 90 days for welfare plans, and, in the case of SIMPLE Retirement Accounts, 30 days following the month in which the contribution amounts would otherwise have been payable to the participant in cash.

The regulation also establishes a procedure (for pension plans only) whereby an employer may obtain an additional 10 business days to comply with the contribution time limits. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, an employer is required to satisfy certain exemption conditions, including notification to participants, bonding, and certification to the Secretary of the Department of Labor when the funds are transmitted. These conditions are intended to protect participant contributions and provide the Department with adequate notice of an employer's compliance.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

The Department of Labor (Department) 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.

III. Current Actions

The regulation provides guidance for fiduciaries, participants, and beneficiaries of employee benefit plans on the requirements for transmission of employee contributions withheld from wages. Extension of the information collection provision of the regulation is important because delays in the transmittal of funds may result in lost earnings to pension plan participants and beneficiaries. In addition, for those employers who may have difficulty meeting regulation deadlines for participant contribution transmissions, the extension provision of the regulation provides an alternate means of employer compliance with the regulation, while providing participants, beneficiaries, and the Department with sufficient information to protect their rights under ERISA.

This notice requests comments on the extension of the ICR included in the regulation governing the definition of "plan assets." The Department is not proposing or implementing changes to the existing ICR at this time. Comments received in response to this notice will be incorporated in the submission to OMB for continued clearance of the ICR.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

Title: Definition of Plan Assets—Participant Contributions.

OMB Number: 1210-0100.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit, Not-for-profit institutions, Individuals.