

obtaining a certificate of prior coverage from any prior plan or issuer, if necessary. In addition, the April 8 Interim Rules require that before a plan or issuer imposes a pre-existing condition exclusion on a particular participant, it must first disclose that determination in writing, including the basis of the decision, and an explanation of any appeal procedure established by the plan or issuer. Specific disclosure requirements relating to pre-existing exclusions constitute the ICR.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Establishing Creditable Coverage.

OMB Number: 1210-0103.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Type of Response: Third party disclosure.

Number of Respondents: 2,600,000.

Number of Annual Responses: 44,396,000.

Total Estimated Burden Hours: 351,150.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: \$0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$34,689,450.

Description: Section 734 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), added by the Health Care Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) authorized the Secretary of Labor, in coordination with the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Secretary of the Treasury, to promulgate such regulations as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the statute. Section 701(e)(3) requires that the Secretary of Labor issue rules to prevent any entity's failure to provide an individual with a certification of prior health coverage, or certain other required disclosures, from adversely affecting the individual's subsequent health coverage.

On April 8, 1997 (67 FR 16894), the Department issues Interim Final Rules, requiring a group health plan to provide a written certificate suitable for establishing the prior creditable coverage of a participant or beneficiary. The April 8 Interim Final Rules offer model certification and notice forms, containing the minimum information mandated by the statute, to be used by group health plans and health insurance issuers. This ICR covers the provision of

materials sufficient to establish prior creditable coverage.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-51,378]

American Quality Ceramics, Tempo Lighting, Inc., Bangs, Texas; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on April 23, 2003, applicable to workers of American Quality Ceramics, Bangs, Texas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 7, 2003 (68 FR 24504).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers were engaged in the production of collectible plates and mugs.

New information shows that Tempo Lighting, Inc. is the parent firm of American Quality Ceramics. Information also shows that workers separated from employment at the subject firm had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for Tempo Lighting, Inc.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to properly reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of American Quality Ceramics, Bangs who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-51,378 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of American Quality Ceramics, Tempo Lighting, Inc., Bangs, Texas, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 31, 2002, through April 23, 2005, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 24th day of June 2003.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-50,598]

Blandin Paper Co. Including Temporary Workers of Search Resources, AMS Staff Leasing, Applied Management, Grand Rapids MN; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on February 13, 2003, applicable to workers of Blandin Paper Company, Grand Rapids, Minnesota. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 10, 2003 (68 FR 11410).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information provided by the State shows that temporary workers of Search Resources, AMS Staff Leasing and Applied Management were employed at Blandin Paper Company to produce coated magazine paper at the Grand Rapids, Minnesota location of the subject firm.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include temporary workers of Search Resources, AMS Staff Leasing and Applied Management, Grand Rapids, Minnesota employed at Blandin Paper Company, Grand Rapids, Minnesota.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Blandin Paper who were adversely affected by the shift in production to Canada and Finland.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-50,598 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Blandin Paper, Grand Rapids, Minnesota including temporary workers of Search Resources, AMS Staff Leasing and Applied Management, Grand Rapids, Minnesota engaged in employment related to the production of coated magazine paper at Blandin Paper Company, Grand Rapids, Minnesota, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or