DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
[TA–W–62,220]

Agrium U.S., Inc., Kenai Nitrogen Operation, Kenai, AK; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

By application of December 7, 2007 a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration of the Department’s negative determination regarding eligibility for workers and former workers of the subject firm to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA).

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination signed on October 29, 2007, was based on the finding that imports of anhydrous ammonia and urea did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject plant and no shift of production to a foreign source occurred. The denial was published in the Federal Register on November 15, 2007 (72 FR 64247).

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner provided additional information regarding the subject firm’s domestic production of anhydrous ammonia and urea and a shift in this production to a foreign country.

The Department reviewed the findings in the initial investigation and new information presented in the reconsideration. It was revealed that employment and production of anhydrous ammonia and urea declined at Agrium U.S., Inc., Kenai Nitrogen Operation, Kenai, Alaska during January through August 2007 over the corresponding 2006 period. The investigation further revealed that the company increased imports of anhydrous ammonia and urea during the same time period.

In accordance with Section 246 the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

The workers were under an existing TAA/ATAA certification that expired on April 12, 2007.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that increases of imports of anhydrous ammonia and urea, produced by Agrium U.S., Inc., Kenai Nitrogen Operation, Kenai, Alaska, contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of workers and to the decline in sales or production at that firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Agrium U.S., Inc., Kenai Nitrogen Operation, Kenai, Alaska, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 13, 2007, through two years from the date of this certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 8th day of January, 2008.

Elliott S. Kushner, Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration

Carson’s Furniture, Archdale, NC; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on December 11, 2007 in response to a worker petition filed on behalf of workers of Carson’s Furniture, Archdale, North Carolina.

The petition regarding the investigation has been deemed invalid. Consequently, the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 8th day of January, 2008.

Elliott S. Kushner, Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirements

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 (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 Employment Standards Administration is soliciting comments concerning its proposal to extend OMB approval of the information collection: Rehabilitation Plan and Award (OWCP–16). A copy of the information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addresses section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 17, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Steven M. Andoseh, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S–3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–0373, fax (202) 693–1451, e-mail andoseh.steven@ dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) is the agency responsible for administration of the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act (LHWCA), 33 U.S.C. 901, et seq., and the Federal Employees’ Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101, et seq. Both of these acts authorize OWCP to pay for approved vocational rehabilitation services to eligible workers with work-related disabilities. In order to decide whether to approve a rehabilitation plan, OWCP must receive a copy of the plan, supporting vocational testing materials and the estimated cost to implement the plan, broken down to show the fees, supplies,
tuition and worker maintenance payments that are contemplated. Form OWCP–16 is the standard format for the collection of this information. The regulations implementing these statutes allow for the collection of information needed for OWCP to determine if a rehabilitation plan should be approved and payment of any related expenses authorized. Form OWCP–16 serves to document the agreed upon plan for rehabilitation services submitted by the injured worker and vocational rehabilitation counselor, and OWCP’s award of payment from funds provided for rehabilitation. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2008.

II. Review Focus

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.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently approved information collection in order to determine if a rehabilitation plan should be approved and payment of any related expenses authorized. Form OWCP–16 serves to document the agreed upon plan for rehabilitation services submitted by the injured worker and vocational rehabilitation counselor, and OWCP’s award of payment from funds provided for rehabilitation. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2008.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): $0.
Total Burden Cost (operating/ maintenance): $0.00.

Comments submitted in response to this notice 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: January 11, 2008.

Hazel M. Bell,
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Extension of the Approval of Information Collection Requirements

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before March 17, 2008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. Under section 7 (33 U.S.C., Chapter 18, Section 907) of the Longshore Act the employer/insurance carrier is responsible for furnishing medical care for the injured employee for such period of time as the injury or recovery period may require. Form LS–1 serves two purposes: It authorizes the medical care, and it provides a vehicle for the treating physician to report the findings, treatment given, and anticipated physical condition of the employee. The information collected on Form LS–1 is used by the Longshore Division to verify that proper medical treatment has been authorized by the employer/insurance carrier, and to determine the severity of a claimant’s injuries and thus his/her entitlement to compensation benefits. This information collection is currently approved for use through July 31, 2008.

II. Review Focus

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.

III. Current Actions

The Department of Labor seeks the approval for the extension of this currently approved information collection in order to carry out its