

332–502, *Sub-Saharan African Textile and Apparel Inputs: Potential for Competitive Production*, from January 17, 2009 to January 16, 2009. The revised schedule reflecting this change is set out immediately below. All other requirements and procedures set out in the November 19, 2008 notice continue to apply (73 FR 71682).

**DATES:**

*January 15, 2009:* Deadline for filing request to appear at the public hearing.

*January 16, 2009:* Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.

*January 29, 2009:* Public hearing.

*February 12, 2009:* Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements.

*February 24, 2009:* Deadline for filing all other written submissions.

*May 15, 2009:* Transmittal of Commission report to the appropriate congressional committees and the Comptroller General.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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[joshua.levy@usitc.gov](mailto:joshua.levy@usitc.gov)) for information specific to this

investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation,

contact William Gearhart of the

Commission's Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or

[william.gearhart@usitc.gov](mailto:william.gearhart@usitc.gov)). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin,

Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or

[margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov](mailto:margaret.olaughlin@usitc.gov)). Hearing-impaired individuals may

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terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission

may also be obtained by accessing its Internet site (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

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By order of the Commission.

**William R. Bishop,**

*Hearing and Meetings Coordinator.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE****Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, RCRA, and EPCRA**

Under 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on December 1, 2008, a proposed Consent Decree in the *United*

*States v. Shintech Incorporated and K-Bin Inc.*, Civil Action No. 4:08-cv-3519, was lodged with the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.

In its Complaint, the United States alleged that Shintech Incorporated and/or K-Bin Inc. (“Defendants”), at their facilities in Freeport, Texas, violated the provisions of the Clean Air Act that regulate industrial refrigerants to protect the stratospheric ozone layer; the hazardous waste management provisions of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“RCRA”); the permit requirement of the Clean Water Act; and the provisions of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (“EPCRA”) that require annual reports on materials present at regulated facilities.

Under the Consent Decree, Defendants will (1) pay a civil penalty of \$2.585 million; (2) spend an estimated \$4.8 million on injunctive relief; and (3) spend at least \$4.7 million on three supplemental environmental projects (“SEPs”).

To address the Clean Air Act violations, Defendants will replace six refrigeration equipment with units that use non-ozone depleting refrigerants; conduct training programs for employees that service, maintain, or repair refrigeration equipment; and conduct third-party audits of its facilities. To ensure compliance with RCRA, Shintech has agreed to close two hazardous waste management units and install an aboveground tank system to prevent the storage or disposal of hazardous waste on land. Shintech has already corrected the Clean Water Act and EPCRA violations.

All three SEPs will be performed by Shintech. Two are designed to reduce air pollution and the third is designed to improve water quality. First, Shintech has agreed, for a period of at least two years, to implement and manage a recycling program in the City of Houston that will collect, recycle, and dispose of residential, refrigerant-containing appliances containing ozone depleting substances. Second, Shintech will upgrade five of its polyvinyl chloride (“PVC”) slurry strippers to reduce its emissions of PVC an estimated 10,000 pounds per year. Third, Shintech will add at least 300 acres of forest and wetlands to the Austin's Woods preserve (also called the Colombia Bottomlands area), which will be managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The United States Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days, from the date of this publication, comments relating to the

Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General, Environment and Natural Resources Division, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611, or submitted via e-mail to [pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov](mailto:pubcomment-ees.enrd@usdoj.gov), and should refer to the *United States v. Shintech Incorporated and K-Bin Inc.*, DOJ case number 90–5–2–1–08745/1.

During the public comment period, the Consent Decree may be examined on the following Department of Justice Web site: [http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent\\_Decrees.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/Consent_Decrees.html). A copy of the Consent Decree may also be obtained by mail from the Consent Decree Library, P.O. Box 7611, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20044–7611 or by faxing or e-mailing a request to Tonia Fleetwood ([tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov](mailto:tonia.fleetwood@usdoj.gov)), fax number (202) 514–0097, phone confirmation number (202) 514–1547. If requesting from the Consent Decree Library a full copy of the Consent Decree including all attachments, please enclose a check in the amount of \$18.25 (25 cents per page reproduction cost) payable to the U.S. Treasury.

**Maureen M. Katz,**

*Assistant Section Chief, Environmental Enforcement Section, Environment and Natural Resources Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Proposed Information Collection Request on the ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed; Comment Request for Extension Without Change**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration.

**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 collection 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice or by accessing: <http://www.doleta.gov/OMBControlNumber.cfm>.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before February 17, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4531, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3308 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*I. Background:* The ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed, is a once a month snapshot of the demographic composition of the claimant population. It is based on those who file a claim in the week containing the 19th of the month which reflects unemployment during the week containing the 12th. This corresponds with the BLS total unemployment sample week. This report serves a variety of socio-economic needs because it provides aggregate data reflecting unemployment insurance claimants' sex, race/ethnic group, age, industry, and occupation.

*II. Desired Focus of Comments:* Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension without change of the ETA 203, Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed. Comments are requested to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary to assess performance of the nonmonetary determination function, 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 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:* This is a request for OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) for continuing an existing collection of information previously approved and assigned OMB Control No. 1205-0009.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Characteristics of the Insured Unemployed.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0009.

*Agency Number:* ETA 203.

*Affected Public:* State Governments.

*Total Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* Monthly.

*Total Responses:* 636.

*Average Time per Response:* .33 hours.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 212 hours per year.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* \$0.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$0.

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: December 11, 2008.

**Cheryl Atkinson,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employee Benefits Security Administration**

**Publication of Year 2008 Form M-1 With Electronic Filing Option; Notice**

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice on the Availability of the Year 2008 Form M-1 with Electronic Filing Option.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the availability of the Year 2008 Form M-1, Annual Report for Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Entities Claiming Exception. It is substantively identical to the 2007 Form M-1. The Form M-1 may again be filed electronically over the Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For inquiries regarding the Form M-1 filing requirement, contact Amy J. Turner or Beth L. Baum, Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance, at (202) 693-8335. For inquiries regarding how to obtain or file a Form

M-1, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The Form M-1 is required to be filed under section 101(g) and section 734 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.

**II. The Year 2008 Form M-1**

This document announces the availability of the Year 2008 Form M-1, Annual Report for Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements (MEWAs) and Certain Entities Claiming Exception (ECEs). This year's Form M-1 is substantively identical to the Year 2007 Form M-1. The electronic filing option has been retained and filers are encouraged to use this method. The Year 2008 Form M-1 is due March 2, 2009, with an extension until May 1, 2009 available.

The Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is committed to working together with administrators to help them comply with this filing requirement. Copies of the Form M-1 are available on the Internet at [http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/forms\\_requests.html](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/forms_requests.html). In addition, after printing, copies will be available by calling the EBSA toll-free publication hotline at 1-866-444-EBSA (3272). Questions on completing the form are being directed to the EBSA help desk at (202) 693-8360. For questions regarding the electronic filing capability, contact the EBSA computer help desk at (202) 693-8600.

**Statutory Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 1021-1024, 1027, 1029-31, 1059, 1132, 1134, 1135, 1181-1183, 1181 note, 1185, 1185a-b, 1191, 1191a-c; Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-2003, 68 FR 5374 (February 2, 2003).

**Bradford P. Campbell,**

*Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

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**Boise Cascade, LLC, Wood Products Division, St. Helens, OR; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By application dated November 3, 2008, Oregon AFL-CIO Labor Liaison requested administrative reconsideration of the negative