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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of a Change in Status of the Extended Benefit (EB) Program for Connecticut and Minnesota

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB program for Connecticut and Minnesota.

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the States' EB status:

Based on the data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on July 17, 2020, the seasonally-adjusted total unemployment rates for Connecticut and Minnesota rose to exceed the 8.0% threshold necessary to trigger "on" to a high unemployment period in EB. The payable period for these states under the high unemployment period begins August 2, 2020, and eligibility for claimants has been extended from up to 13 weeks of potential duration to up to 20 weeks of potential duration in the EB program.

The trigger notice covering state eligibility for the EB program can be found at: http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.as.

Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning an EB period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who has exhausted all rights to regular benefits and is potentially eligible for EB (20 CFR 615.13 (c) (1)).

Persons who believe they may be entitled to EB, or who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their State Workforce Agency.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and

Training Administration, Office of Unemployment Insurance Room S-4524, Attn: Thomas Stengle, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-2991 (this is not a toll-free number) or by email: Stengle.Thomas@dol.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

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Request for Comments for Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement ("CAFTA-DR") Report

AGENCY: Bureau of International Labor Affairs, United States Department of Labor and Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments from the public.

SUMMARY: This notice is a request for comments from the public to assist the Secretary of Labor and the United States Trade Representative in preparing a report on labor capacity-building efforts under Chapter 16 ("the Labor Chapter") and Annex 16.5 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement ("CAFTA-DR"). Comments are also welcomed on efforts made by the CAFTA-DR countries to implement the labor obligations under the Labor Chapter and the recommendations contained in a paper entitled, "The Labor Dimension in Central America and the Dominican Republic—Building on Progress: Strengthening Compliance and Enhancing Capacity" (the "White Paper"). This report is required under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Implementation Act). The reporting function and the responsibility for soliciting public comments required under this Act were assigned to the Secretary of Labor in consultation with the United States Trade Representative (USTR). The upcoming report will consolidate reporting periods to cover January 1, 2016, through February 29, 2020. Public comments received in response to the November 21, 2017, **Federal Register** Notice soliciting input on labor capacity-building efforts under the

CAFTA-DR will be taken under consideration for this upcoming report.

DATES: Written comments are due no later than 5 p.m. (ET) September 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Public comments should be submitted electronically to www.regulations.gov, the Federal e-rulemaking portal. Comments may also be submitted by postal or electronic mail to Giorleny Altamirano Rayo, Advisor, Office of Trade and Labor Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S-5006, Washington, DC 20210, Rayo.Giorleny.D@DOL.gov. Comments that are mailed must be received by the date indicated for consideration. Also, please note that due to security concerns, postal delivery in Washington, DC, may be delayed.

Therefore, in order to ensure that comments receive full consideration, the Department encourages the public to submit comments via the internet as indicated above. Please submit only one copy of your comments by only one method. Also, please be advised that comments received will become a matter of public record and will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. The Department cautions commenters not to include personal information, such as Social Security Numbers, personal addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses in their comments as such information will become viewable by the public on the <http://www.regulations.gov> website. It is each commenter's responsibility to safeguard his or her information. Comments submitted through <http://www.regulations.gov> will not include the commenter's email address unless the commenter chooses to include that information as part of his or her comment. If you are unable to provide submissions by either of these means, please contact Giorleny Altamirano Rayo (202-693-4868) to arrange for an alternative method of submission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Giorleny Altamirano Rayo, Advisor, Office of Trade and Labor Affairs, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Room S-5006, Washington, DC 20210. Email: Rayo.Giorleny.D@DOL.gov, Telephone: 202-693-4868.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information

During the legislative approval process for the CAFTA-DR, the