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The deadline for filing a Registration Form is June 28, 1996.

Note: The registration of a claim in this program will *not* constitute the filing of a formal claim against Iraq. In the event legislation is passed authorizing the Commission to adjudicate these claims against Iraq, instructions for the formal filing of claims will be forwarded to all those registered in this Iraq Claims Registration Program.

Approval has been obtained from the Office of Management and Budget for the collection of this information. Approval No. 1105-0067.

David E. Bradley,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; Notice of Public Hearings

This document is a notice of public hearings to be held by the Department of Labor for the purpose of gathering information regarding the use of abusive or exploitative child labor in the production of goods imported into the United States. The hearing will be held on Friday, June 28, 1996, at the Department of Labor, room N-3437, beginning at 9 a.m. The hearing will be open to the public. The Department of Labor is now accepting requests from all interested parties to provide oral or written testimony at the hearing. Each presentation will be limited to ten minutes. The Department is not able to provide financial assistance to those wishing to travel to attend the hearing. Those unable to attend the hearing are invited to submit written testimony. Parties interested in testifying at the international child labor hearing should call (202) 219-7867 to be put on the roster.

The Department of Labor is currently undertaking a third Congressionally-mandated review of international child labor practices (pursuant to the 1996 Omnibus Appropriations Act, P.L. 104-134). Information provided at the hearing will be considered by the Department of Labor in preparing its report to Congress. Testimony should be confined to the specific topic of the study.

Specifically, the international child labor study of the Bureau of International Labor Affairs is seeking

written and oral testimony on the topics noted below:

1. Efforts of U.S. companies and nongovernmental agencies aimed at eliminating the use of abusive and exploitative child labor in the production of goods imported into the United States. Such efforts could include, but are not limited to, labeling, consumer information campaigns, codes of conduct, guidelines for subcontractors, and the establishment of educational facilities.

2. Codes of conduct in the garment industry. We are required to identify the top 20 U.S. garment importers, their subsidiaries, contractors, and their subcontractors' codes of conduct regarding the use of abusive and exploitative child labor in the production of goods imported to the United States. We are seeking information about the nature, adequacy and effectiveness of any such codes of conduct.

3. The necessary components of an effective code of conduct and its enforcement.

4. International and U.S. laws that might be used to encourage the elimination of child labor exploitation, including in the production of items imported into the United States, and any appropriate changes to such laws.

5. Items that are likely to be produced with abusive and exploitative child labor and imported into the United States.

DATES: The hearing is scheduled for Friday, June 28, 1996. The deadline for being placed on the roster for oral testimony is 5 p.m., June 21, 1996. Presenters will be required to submit five (5) written copies of their oral testimony to the Child Labor Study office by 5 p.m., June 26. The record will be kept open for additional written testimony until 5 p.m., July 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written testimony should be addressed to the International Child Labor Study, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Room S-1308, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, fax: (202) 219-4923.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa Estrada-Berg, International Child Labor Study, Bureau of International Labor Affairs, Room S-1308, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, DC 20210, telephone: (202) 219-7867; fax (202) 219-5980. Persons with disabilities who need special accommodations should contact Ms. Estrada-Berg by June 17, 1996.

All written or oral comments submitted pursuant to the public hearing will be made part of the record

of review referred to above and will be available for public inspection.

Signed at Washington, DC this 15th day of May, 1996.

Andrew J. Samet,

Associate Deputy Under Secretary.

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Employment and Training Administration

Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), Program Operating Forms

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 and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed one year extension of previous approval by OMB of the attached DUA Program Operating Forms (ETA 81, ETA 81A, ETA 82, ETA 83 and ETA 84). 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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before July 22, 1996.

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 clarify 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.

ADDRESSEE: Mary Ann Wyrsh, Director, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S4231, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210, telephone number (202) 219-7831 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Public Law 100-707 (Sections 410 and 423) provide for benefit assistance to "any individual unemployed as a result of a major disaster." SESA's, through agreements between the States and the Secretary of Labor, act as agents of the Secretary for the purpose of providing assistance to applicants in the various States who are unemployed as a result of a major disaster. The forms in Chapters III through VII of the Disaster Unemployment Assistance Handbook are used in connection with

the provision of this benefit assistance. (Previously cleared for use thru OMB by ETA under OMB No. 1205-0051.)

Form ETA 81 is an application form which is required to be completed by every applicant for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); DUA Form ETA 81A is a supplemental form to be completed by self-employed (or self employed prior to the disaster) applicants only; Form ETA 82 is used by the State agency in making a determination of each applicant's entitlement to DUA and to notify the applicant of the determination; Section A of Form ETA 83 is completed by the applicant each time (weekly or bi-weekly) he/she continues to request assistance to ensure continued entitlement, and Section B is completed by the State agency to notify the applicant of his/her current eligibility status; and Form ETA 84 is used by the State agency to notify overdrawn participants in the DUA program of the weeks and the cause of overpayment. These forms are prescribed by the Secretary under 20 CFR 625.8 and 625.9 and are all necessary to the operation of the program.

II. Current Actions

The forms (described above) are used by SESA's in operating the program and

are not reports per se. The continuation of this existing use of these forms by SESA's is essential to the operation of the DUA program. Because time is of the essence in making benefit payments due as a result of a major disaster, application data relating to the disaster are requested by State agencies through a number of appropriate forms. As previously indicated, if data were requested less frequently, determinations as to eligibility would be much more erratic, and the overall monitoring of the program as required by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, in order to insure adequate administration—yet expeditious administration—would be greatly impaired. Effective accounting of disaster unemployment assistance benefits and other emergency expenditures would also be hampered.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA) Program Operating Forms.

OMB Number: 1205-0051.

Agency Number(s): ETA 81, ETA 81A, ETA 82, ETA 83, and ETA 84.

Affected Public: Individuals/State Government.

Cite/reference	Total respondents	Frequency	Total responses	Average time per response (hours)	Burden in hours
ETA 81	11,000	Annually	11,000	1/3	3,666
ETA 81A	3,800	Annually	3,800	1/4	950
ETA 82	11,000	Annually	11,000	1/4	2,750
ETA 83	11,000	Annually	66,000	1/4	16,500
ETA 84	235	Annually	235	1/2	117
Totals	11,000		92,035		23,983

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): \$0.00.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining): \$148,922.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request 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: May 15, 1996.

Mary Ann Wyrsh,
Director, Unemployment Insurance Service,
Employment and Training Administration.
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Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. D-09990, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Virginia

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Proposed Exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions from certain of the prohibited transaction restriction of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, within 45 days from the date of publication of this Federal Register Notice. Comments and request for a hearing should state: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing. A request for a hearing must also state