

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comments Requested**

ACTION: 60-Day notice of information collection under review: Letter application to obtain authorization for the assembly of a nonsporting rifle or nonsporting shotgun for the purpose of testing or evaluation.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted for "sixty days" until May 3, 2004. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

If you have comments especially on the estimated public burden or associated response time, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions or additional information, please contact Larry White, Firearms Programs Division, Room 7400, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20226

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address one or more of the following four points:

—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 agencies 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 submission of responses.

Overview of This Information Collection

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Letter Application to Obtain Authorization for the Assembly of a Nonsporting Rifle or Nonsporting Shotgun for the Purpose of Testing and Evaluation.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Justice sponsoring the collection: Form Number:* None. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Business or other for-profit. The information is required by ATF to provide a means to obtain authorization for the assembly of a nonsporting rifle or nonsporting shotgun for the purpose of testing or evaluation.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* It is estimated that 5 respondents will complete a written letter in 30 minutes.

(6) An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection: There are an estimated 3 annual total burden hours associated with this collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Dated: February 27, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration****Labor Certification Process for the Temporary Employment of Aliens in Agriculture and Logging in the United States: 2004 Adverse Effect Wage Rates, Allowable Charges for Agricultural and Logging Workers' Meals, and Maximum Travel Subsistence Reimbursement**

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Adverse Effect Wage Rates (AEWR's), allowable charges for

meals, and maximum travel subsistence reimbursement for 2004.

SUMMARY: The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announces 2004 adverse effect wage rates for employers seeking nonimmigrant alien (H-2A) workers for temporary or seasonal agricultural labor or services and logging; the allowable charges employers seeking nonimmigrant alien (H-2A) workers for temporary or seasonal agricultural labor or services and logging work may levy upon their workers when they provide three meals per day; and the maximum travel subsistence reimbursement which a worker with receipts may claim in 2004.

AEWR's are the minimum wage rates the Department of Labor has determined must be offered and paid to U.S. and prevent the employment of these aliens from adversely affecting wages of similarly employed U.S. workers.

The Department of Labor also announces the new rates which covered agricultural and logging employers may charge their workers for three daily meals.

Under specified conditions, workers are entitled to reimbursement for travel subsistence expenses. The minimum reimbursement is the charge for three daily meals as discussed above. The Department of Labor (DOL) also announces the current maximum reimbursement for workers with receipts.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 3, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Carlson, Chief, Division of Foreign Labor Certification, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-4318, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: 202-693-3010 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may not approve an employer's petition for admission of temporary alien agricultural H-2A workers to perform agricultural labor or services of a temporary or seasonal nature in the United States unless the petitioner has received from the DOL an H-2A labor certification. Approved labor certifications attest (1) there are not sufficient U.S. workers who are able, willing, and qualified and who will be available at the time and place needed to perform the labor or services involved in the petition; and (2) the employment of the alien in such labor or services will not adversely affect the wages and working conditions of workers in the U.S. similarly employed. 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15)(H)(ii)(a), 1184(c), and 1188.