

determined not to review the remainder of the ID, including the findings of fact and conclusions on the issues of infringement and invalidity of the asserted claims and the domestic industry requirement of section 337.

In connection with the final disposition of this investigation, the Commission may issue (1) An order that could result in the exclusion of the subject articles from entry into the United States, and/or (2) cease and desist orders that could result in respondents being required to cease and desist from engaging in unfair acts in the importation and sale of such articles. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, the party should so indicate and provide information establishing that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or are likely to do so. For background information, see the Commission Opinion, *In the Matter of Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines*, Inv. No. 337-TA-360.

If the Commission contemplates some form of remedy, it must consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The factors the Commission will consider include the effect that an exclusion order and/or cease and desist orders would have on (1) The public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of this investigation.

If the Commission orders some form of remedy, the President has 60 days to approve or disapprove the Commission's action. During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under a bond, in an amount to be determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed.

Written Submissions: The parties to the investigation are requested to file written submissions on the issues under review. The submission should be concise and thoroughly referenced to the record in this investigation,

including references to exhibits and testimony. Additionally, the parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested persons are encouraged to file written submissions on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Such submissions should address the ALJ's December 8, 2003, recommended determination on remedy and bonding. Complainant and the Commission investigative attorney are also requested to submit proposed remedial orders for the Commission's consideration. The written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than the close of business on January 9, 2004. Reply submissions must be filed no later than the close of business on January 16, 2004. No further submissions will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submissions must file with the Office of the Secretary the original and 14 true copies thereof on or before the deadlines stated above. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment unless the information has already been granted such treatment during the proceedings. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary of the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. See 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment is granted by the Commission will be treated accordingly. All nonconfidential written submissions will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1337), and in sections 210.42–.45 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 210.42–.45).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: December 10, 2003.

Marilyn R. Abbott,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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 the proposed collection: Medical Travel Refund Request (OWCP–957). A copy of the proposed 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 February 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Ms. Hazel M. Bell, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S–3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–0418, fax (202) 693–1451, Email bell.hazel@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or Email).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Background

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8101 *et seq.*, the Black Lung Benefits Act (BLBA), 30 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384 *et seq.* All three of these statutes require that OWCP reimburse beneficiaries for travel expenses incurred for covered medical treatment. In order to determine whether amounts requested as travel expenses are appropriate, OWCP must receive certain data elements, including the signature of the physician for expenses claimed under the BLBA. Form OWCP–957 is the standard format for the collection of these data elements. The OWCP–957 is used by OWCP and its contractor bill processing staff to process reimbursement requests for travel expenses. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2004.

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 approval for the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to determine if requests for reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred when traveling to medical providers for covered medical testing or treatment should be paid.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Medical Travel Refund Request.

OMB Number: 1215-0054.

Agency Number: OWCP-957.

Affected Public: Individual or households.

Total Respondents: 52,221.

Total Responses: 52,221.

Time Per Response: 10 minutes.

Frequency: On occasion.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 8,669.

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

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): \$19,000.

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 10, 2003.

Bruce Bohanon,

Chief, Branch of Management Review and Internal Control, Division of Financial Management, Office of Management, Administration and Planning, Employment Standards Administration.

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before February 17, 2004.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 11(d) of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA), 29 U.S.C. 201 *et seq.*, provides that the Secretary of Labor investigate and gather data regarding the wages, hours, and other conditions and practices of employment

in any industry subject to the Act. Similar provisions are also contained in the Public Contracts Act, the Service Contract Act, the Davis-Bacon Act, the Consumer Credit Protection Act, the Employee Polygraph Protection Act, the Migrant and Seasonal Agricultural Worker Protection Act, and the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, all of which are enforced by the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor. The Form WH-3 is an optional form used by complainants and others to provide information about alleged violations of the labor standards provisions of the Acts cited above. The form is provided in both English and Spanish versions. This information collection is currently approved for use through June 30, 2004.

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 approval for the extension of this information collection in order to carry out its responsibility to meet the statutory requirements to investigate alleged violations of the various labor standards laws enforced by the Wage and Hour Division.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Employment Standards Administration.

Title: Employment Information Form.

OMB Number: 1215-0001.

Agency Number: WH-3 and WH-3 Spanish.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; farms, business or other for profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal