

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration; Proposed Information Collection Request for the ETA 538 and ETA 539, Weekly Initial and Continued Claims; Comment Request for Extension Without Change**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration (ETA), Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Labor (Department), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the 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 [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps 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, ETA is soliciting comments concerning the collection of data about the Unemployment Insurance Weekly Claims data collection, which expires September 30, 2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before August 13, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments to Scott Gibbons, Office of Unemployment Insurance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Telephone number: 202-693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number). Individuals with hearing or speech impairments may access the telephone number above via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-877-889-5627 (TTY/TDD). Email: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting Mr. Gibbons.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

The ETA 538 and ETA 539 reports are weekly reports which contain information on initial claims and continued weeks claimed. These figures are important economic indicators. The ETA 538 provides information that allows national unemployment claims information to be released to the public five days after the close of the reference

period. The ETA 539 contains more detailed weekly claims information and the state's 13-week insured unemployment rate which is used to determine eligibility for the Extended Benefits program.

**II. Review Focus**

The Department 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***Extension Without Changes*

*Title:* Weekly Initial and Continued Claims.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0028.

*Affected Public:* State Workforce Agencies.

*Form(s):* ETA 538, ETA 539.

*Frequency:* Weekly.

*Total Responses:* 104 (52 weekly responses for each of the two reports).

*Average Time per Response:* 30 minutes per submittal for the ETA 538, 50 minutes per submittal for the ETA 539.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours*

ETA 538 53 States  $\times$  52 reports  $\times$  30 min. = 1378 hours

ETA 539 53 States  $\times$  52 reports  $\times$  50 min. = 2297 hours

Total Burden = 3675 hours

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

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

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of the ICR; they will also become a matter of public record.

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 5th day of June, 2012.

**Jane Oates,**

*Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training, Labor.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-80,275]

**Pfizer Therapeutic Research, Formerly Known as Warner Lambert Company, Pfizer Worldwide Research & Development Division, Antibacterials Research Unit, Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department, Antibacterial Chemistry Department, Analytical Chemistry and Material Management Department Groton, CT; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. 2273, the Department of Labor (Department) issued a Revised Determination of Reconsideration of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on December 2, 2011, applicable to workers of Pfizer Therapeutic Research, Pfizer Worldwide Research & Development Division, Antibacterial Research Unit, Groton, Connecticut (Pfizer-ARU).

At the request of the state workforce office, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of Pfizer-ARU.

The Department has determined that other units at the Groton, Connecticut facility operate in conjunction with Pfizer-ARU and have experienced worker separations related to the shift of in the supply of services to a foreign country.

In order to ensure proper worker group coverage, the Department is amending the worker group identified in the certification for TA-W-80,275 to include the Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department, Antibacterial Chemistry Department, and Analytical Chemistry and Material Management Department located in Groton, Connecticut.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-80,275 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Pfizer Therapeutic Research, formerly known as Warner Lambert Company, Pfizer Worldwide Research & Development Division, Antibacterial Research Unit, Pharmacokinetics, Dynamics and Metabolism Department, Antibacterial

Chemistry Department, and Analytical Chemistry and Material Management Department, Groton, Connecticut, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 8, 2010 through December 2, 2013, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 25th day of May, 2012.

**Del Min Amy Chen,**

*Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-80,459]

#### Roseburg Forest Products Composite Panels Division Missoula, Montana; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On March 14, 2012, the Department of Labor (Department) issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of Roseburg Forest Products, Composite Panels Division, Missoula, Montana (subject firm). The Department's Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 2012 (77 FR 17524). The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of particleboard.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c), reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

- (1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;
- (2) If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or
- (3) If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a mis-interpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the findings that worker separations were not attributable to either increased imports by the subject firm or its declining customers of particleboard (or articles like or directly competitive with particleboard), or a shift/acquisition of the production of particleboard (or articles like or directly competitive with

particleboard) to/from a foreign country by the workers' firm.

In the request for reconsideration, a company official alleged that workers at the subject firm were impacted by increased import competition of particleboard similar to workers at three other subject firm facilities who are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (Louisville, Missouri; Orangeburg, South Carolina; and Russellville, South Carolina).

During the reconsideration investigation, the Department reviewed and confirmed information collected during the initial investigation and collected additional information from the subject firm.

The reconsideration investigation findings confirmed that neither the subject firm nor its major declining customers increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with particleboard in the period under investigation. Additionally, the reconsideration investigation findings confirmed that the subject firm did not shift the production of particleboard (or a like or directly competitive article) to a foreign country or acquire the production of such articles from a foreign country.

After careful review of the request for reconsideration, previously-submitted information, and information obtained during the reconsideration investigation, the Department determines that 29 CFR 90.18(c) has not been met.

#### Conclusion

After careful review, I determine that the requirements of Section 222 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272, have not been met and, therefore, deny the petition for group eligibility of to apply for adjustment assistance, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273.

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 25th day of May, 2012.

**Del Min Amy Chen,**

*Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Announcement Regarding States Triggering "Off" in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 Program and the Federal-State Extended Benefits Program

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Announcement regarding states triggering "off" in the Emergency Unemployment Compensation 2008 (EUC08) Program and the Federal-State Extended Benefits (EB) Program.

The U.S. Department of Labor (Department) produces trigger notices indicating which states qualify for both EB and EUC08 benefits, and provides the beginning and ending dates of payable periods for each qualifying state. The trigger notices covering state eligibility for these programs can be found at: [http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims\\_arch.asp](http://ows.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp).

The following changes have occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding states' EB and EUC08 trigger status:

- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 30, 2012, the three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate in Connecticut fell below the 8.0% rate required to remain "on" in a high unemployment period (HUP) within the EB program. Claimants in this state were eligible for up to 20 weeks of benefits through April 21, 2012, but starting April 22, 2012, the maximum potential entitlement in the EB program for this state decreased from 20 weeks to 13 weeks.
- Based on data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics on March 30, 2012, as well as revisions to prior year data released on February 29, 2012, Alabama, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Maryland, and Washington no longer meet one of the criteria to remain "on" in EB, i.e., having their current three month average, seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate be at least 110% of one of the rates from a comparable period in one of the three prior years. This triggered these states "off" EB and the end of the payable period for these states in the EB program was the week ending April 21, 2012.
- Although some states have triggered "off" of EB, they are currently triggered "on" to Tier 4 of the EUC08 program. Under Public Law 112-96, new Tier 4 claimants in states that are triggered