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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.

John Pallasch,

Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training.

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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

Administration and the Congress reached an understanding on the need to support labor capacity-building efforts linked to recommendations identified in the “White Paper” of the Working Group of the Vice Ministers Responsible for Trade and Labor in the countries of Central America and the Dominican Republic. CAFTA–DR-specific trade capacity-building funds were appropriated through fiscal year 2010 and subsequently, the Bureau of International Labor Affairs used its own appropriation to support technical assistance projects in CAFTA–DR partner countries through fiscal year 2020. For more information, see the full text of the CAFTA–DR at <https://ustr.gov/trade-agreements/free-trade-agreements/cafta-dr-dominican-republic-central-america-fta/final-text> and the “White Paper” at http://www.sice.oas.org/labor/White%20Paper_e.pdf.

Under section 403(a) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, 19 U.S.C. 4111(a), the President must report biennially to the Congress on the progress made by the CAFTA–DR countries in implementing the labor obligations and the labor capacity-building provisions found in the Labor Chapter and in Annex 16.5, and in implementing the recommendations contained in the “White Paper.” Section 403(a)(4) requires that the President establish a mechanism to solicit public comments on the matters described in section 403(a)(3)(D) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, 19 U.S.C. 4111(a)(4) (listed below in 2).

By Proclamation, the President delegated the reporting function and the responsibility for soliciting public comments under section 403(a) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, 19 U.S.C. 4111(a), to the Secretary of Labor, in consultation with the USTR (Proclamation No. 8272, 73 FR 38,297 (June 30, 2008)). This notice serves to request public comments as required by this section.

2. The Department of Labor Is Seeking Comments on the Following Topics as Required Under Section 403(a)(3)(D) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act

a. Capacity-building efforts by the United States government envisaged by Article 16.5 of the CAFTA–DR Labor Chapter and Annex 16.5;

b. Efforts by the United States government to facilitate full implementation of the “White Paper” recommendations; and

c. Efforts made by the CAFTA–DR countries to comply with Article 16.5 of the Labor Chapter and Annex 16.5 and to fully implement the “White Paper”

recommendations, including progress made by the CAFTA–DR countries in affording to workers internationally recognized worker rights through improved capacity.

3. Requirements for Submission

Persons submitting comments must do so in English and must make the following note on the first page of their submissions: “Comments regarding the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.” In order to be assured consideration, comments should be submitted by 5 p.m. (ET), September 21, 2020. The Department of Labor encourages commenters to make on-line submissions using the www.regulations.gov website. When entering this site, enter “Request for Comments on Labor Capacity-Building Efforts Under the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement” on the home page search bar and click “search.” The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled “Comment Now.” (For further information on using the www.regulations.gov website, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on “How to Use This Site” (found on the bottom of the home page under “Help”).) The www.regulations.gov website allows users to provide comments by filling in a “Type Comment field,” or by attaching a document using an “Upload File” field. The Department prefers that uploaded submissions be in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf). If the submission is in an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the “Type Comment” field.

Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the submission itself. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the submission itself and not as separate files.

As noted, the Department strongly urges submitters to file comments through the www.regulations.gov website.

Comments will be open to public inspection. Comments may be viewed on the www.regulations.gov website.

Authority: The authority for this notice is granted by the Federal Advisory Committee

Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) and the Executive Order No. 13889 of September 27, 2019.

Grant B. Lebens,

Chief of Staff, Bureau of International Labor Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Application for Alien Employment Certification

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL) is submitting this Employment and Training Administration (ETA)-sponsored information collection request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). Public comments on the ICR are invited.

DATES: The OMB will consider all written comments that agency receives on or before September 21, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

Comments are invited on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) if the information will be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) the accuracy of the agency’s estimates of the burden and cost of the collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (4) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (5) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Crystal Rennie by telephone at (202) 693–0456, or by email at DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov.