

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Financial Privacy and Bankruptcy Study

AGENCIES: Department of Justice, Department of the Treasury, and Office of Management and Budget.

ACTION: Extension of deadline for public comments.

SUMMARY: On July 31, 2000, the Department of Justice, Department of Treasury, and Office of Management and Budget published a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing their intent to conduct a study (the "Study") into how the filing of bankruptcy affects the privacy of individual consumer information that becomes part of a bankruptcy case. That notice may be found in the **Federal Register** at 65 Fed. Reg. 46735 (July 31, 2000) and on the Internet site of the Department of Justice's United States Trustee program at www.usdoj.gov/ust/privacy/privacy.htm. Public comments were initially requested by Friday, September 8, 2000. In response to requests for additional time for the submission of public views, the comment deadline is being extended two weeks, to Friday, September 22, 2000.

DATES: The revised deadline for the submission of public comments in response to the Study is September 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All submissions must be in writing or in electronic form. Written submissions should be sent to Leander Barnhill, Office of General Counsel, Executive Office for United States Trustees, 901 E Street, NW, Suite 780, Washington DC 20530. Electronic submissions should be sent by email to USTPrivacy.Study@usdoj.gov. The submissions should include the submitter's name, address, telephone number, and if available, FAX number and e-mail address. All submissions should be captioned "Comments on Study of Privacy Issues in Bankruptcy Data."

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Kevyn D. Orr,

Director, Executive Office for United States Trustees, Department of Justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of the Secretary

Bureau of International Labor Affairs; U.S. National Administrative Office; North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation; Notice of Determination Regarding Review of U.S. Submission #2000-01

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. National Administrative Office (NAO) gives notice that on September 1, 2000, U.S. Submission #2000-01 was accepted for review. The submission was filed with the NAO on July 3, 2000, by Current and Former Workers at Auto Trim and Custom Trim/Breed Mexicana, the Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras, and 22 additional unions and nongovernmental organizations in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The submission raises concerns about occupational safety and health and compensation in cases of occupational injuries and illnesses at Auto Trim of Mexico in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and at Custom Trim/Breed Mexicana in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas.

Article 16(3) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) provides for the review of labor law matters in Canada and Mexico by the NAO. The objectives of the review of the submission will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations set forth in the NAALC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lewis Karesh, Acting Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office, Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room C-4327, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 501-6653 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 3, 2000, U.S. Submission #2000-01 was filed by Current and Former Workers at Auto Trim and Custom Trim/Breed Mexicana, the Coalition for Justice in the Maquiladoras, and 22 additional unions and nongovernmental organizations in Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The submission raises concerns about occupational safety and health and compensation in cases of occupational injuries and illnesses at Auto Trim of Mexico in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, and at Custom Trim/Breed Mexicana in Valle Hermoso, Tamaulipas.

The submitters allege that workers at both plants suffer illnesses and injuries related to exposure to toxic substances and muscular-skeletal disorders caused by poor ergonomics. The submitters also maintain that illnesses and injuries are often unreported or under-reported and inadequately treated and compensated. The submitters allege that the frequency with which these problems occur is due to the Mexican government's persistent failure to enforce occupational safety and health laws and regulations with regard to the two firms. They assert that the Mexican government is in violation of NAALC Article 3(1)(b) in failing to monitor compliance and investigate suspected violations; Article 3(1)(d) in failing to require record-keeping and reporting; Article 3(1)(g) in failing to initiate proceedings in a timely manner to seek appropriate sanctions or remedies for violation of labor law; Article 4(1) in failing to guarantee an individual's access to relevant tribunals for the enforcement of its labor law; Article 5(1) in failing to ensure that all proceedings for the enforcement of labor law are fair, equitable, and transparent, comply with due process of law, are open to the public, and are not unnecessarily complicated or involve unwarranted delays; Article 7(a) in failing to ensure that public information is available related to its labor law and enforcement and compliance procedures; and Article 7(b) in failing to promote public education regarding its labor law.

In addition, the submitters charge that the Mexican government has shown disregard for the principles set out in the preamble to the NAALC. Paragraph 1 of the preamble, for example, refers to the parties' resolve in enacting NAFTA to protect, enhance, and enforce basic workers' rights. In Paragraph 7, the parties resolve to promote high-skill, high productivity economic development in North America by inter alia, encouraging employers and employees in each country to comply with labor laws and to work together in maintaining a progressive, safe, and healthy working environment.

The procedural guidelines for the NAO, published in the **Federal Register** on April 7, 1994, 59 FR 16660, specify that, in general, the Secretary of the NAO shall accept a submission for review if it raises issues relevant to labor law matters in Canada or Mexico and if a review would further the objectives of the NAALC.

U.S. Submission #2000-01 relates to labor law matters in Mexico. A review would appear to further the objectives of the NAALC, as set out in Article 1 of the NAALC, among them improving

working conditions and living standards in each Party's territory, promoting the set of labor principles, and encouraging publication and exchange of information, data development, and coordination to enhance mutually beneficial understanding of the laws and institutions governing labor in each Party's territory.

Accordingly, this submission has been accepted for review of the allegations raised therein. The NAO's decision is not intended to indicate any determination as to the validity or accuracy of the allegations contained in the submission. The objectives of the review will be to gather information to assist the NAO to better understand and publicly report on the issues of occupational safety and health and compensation in cases of occupational illnesses and injuries raised in the submission, including the Government of Mexico's compliance with the obligations agreed to under Articles 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the NAALC. The review will be completed, and a public report issued, within 120 days, or 180 days if circumstances require an extension of time, as set out in the procedural guidelines of the NAO.

Signed at Washington, D.C. on September 1, 2000.

Lewis Karesh,

Acting Secretary, U.S. National Administrative Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Explosive Materials and Blasting Units

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.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 709A, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Commenters are encouraged to send their comments on a computer disk, or via Internet E-mail to bteaster@msha.gov, along with an original printed copy. Ms. Teaster can be reached at (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda C. Teaster, Acting Chief, Records Management Division, U.S. Department of Labor, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 709A, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203-1984. Ms. Teaster can be reached at bteaster@msha.gov (Internet E-mail), (703) 235-1470 (voice), or (703) 235-1563 (facsimile).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

MSHA evaluates and approved explosive materials and blasting units as permissible for use in the mining industry. However, since there are no permissible explosives or blasting units available that have adequate blasting capacity for some metal and nonmetal gassy mines, Standard 57.22606(a) was promulgated to provide procedures for mine operators to follow for the use of non-approved explosive materials and blasting units. Mine operators must notify MSHA in writing, of all non-approved explosive materials and blasting units to be used prior to their use. MSHA evaluates the non-approved explosive materials and determines if they are safe for blasting in a potentially gassy environment.

II. Desired Focus of Comments

Currently, the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the information collection related to the Explosive Materials and Blasting Units. MSHA 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.

A copy of the proposed information collection request may be viewed on the Internet by accessing the MSHA Home Page (<http://www.msha.gov>) and selecting "Statutory and Regulatory Information" then "Paperwork Reduction Act submission (<http://www.msha.gov/regspwork.htm>)" or by contacting the employee listed above in the For Further Information Contact section of this notice for a hard copy.

III. Current Actions

MSHA uses the information to determine that the explosives and procedures to be used are safe for blasting in a gassy underground mine. Federal inspectors use the notification to ensure that safe procedures are followed.

Type of Review: Extension.

Agency: Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Title: Explosive Materials and Blasting Units.

OMB Number: 1219-0095.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit.

Total Respondents: 7.

Frequency: On occasion.

Total Responses: 7.

Average Time per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 7.

Estimated Total Burden Hour Cost: \$321.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and 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: August 31, 2000.

Brenda C. Teaster,

Acting Chief, Records Management Division.

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