

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.

Agency: Employment Training Administration.

Type of Review: Revision of an existing OMB Control Number.

Title of Collection: Title 29 CFR Part 29—Labor Standards for the Registration of Apprenticeship Programs.

OMB Control Number: 1205-0223.

Agency Form Number: ETA-671.

Affected Public: Private Sector—Business or other for-profits.

Total Estimated Number of Respondents: 248,728.

Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours: 26,757.

Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden: \$0.

Description: Title 29 CFR part 29 sets forth labor standards to safeguard the welfare of apprentices and to extend the application of such standards by prescribing policies and procedures concerning the registration of an apprenticeship. The Form ETA 671 collects the information necessary for the Department to enforce the safeguards set forth in the aforementioned Standard. The Form consists of two sections: Section I records the sponsor's information and Section II is for the apprentice's information. For additional information, see related notice published at Volume 73 FR 36903 on June 30, 2008.

Darrin A. King,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Revised Fiscal Year 2008 Tariff-Rate Quota Allocations for Refined Sugar— Re-allocation of Refined Sugar Previously Assigned to Mexico

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is

providing notice of a revision in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Tariff-Rate Quota (TRQ) allocation for imported refined sugar for the period August 13 through December 31, 2008. The USTR is re-allocating the portion of the increase in the refined sugar TRQ initially allocated to Mexico on August 13, 2008 to the global portion of the refined sugar TRQ, subject to certain conditions.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Inquiries may be mailed or delivered to Leslie O'Connor, Director of Agricultural Affairs, Office of Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie O'Connor, Office of Agricultural Affairs, *telephone:* 202-395-6127 or *facsimile:* 202-395-4579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Additional U.S. Note 5 to Chapter 17 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS), the United States maintains a tariff-rate quota for imports of refined sugar.

Section 404(d)(3) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (19 U.S.C. 3601(d)(3)) authorizes the President to allocate the in-quota quantity of a tariff-rate quota for any agricultural product among supplying countries or customs areas. The President delegated this authority to the USTR under Presidential Proclamation 6763 (60 FR 1007). Pursuant to this Proclamation, the USTR may modify previously established allocations as he or she finds appropriate in carrying out the international rights and obligations of the United States and promoting the economic interests of the United States.

In response to tight market conditions, on August 6, 2008, the Secretary of Agriculture increased the in-quota quantity of the tariff-rate quota for refined sugar for FY 2008 by 272,155 metric tons raw value (MTRV) (equivalent of 300,000 short tons raw value) and extended the period in which the sugar could be entered until December 31, 2008.

On August 13, 2008, the USTR allocated this TRQ volume, with a total of 40,000 MTRV allocated to Canada, 68,278 MTRV allocated to Mexico, and the remaining 163,877 MTRV allocated to a global tariff-rate quota, which may be supplied by any country on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to any other provision of law.

The U.S. market for sugar, particularly for refined sugar, remains tight as shown by the historically low 6.0 percent ending stocks-to-use ratio for FY 2009 projected in USDA's October World Agricultural Supply and Demand

Estimates report. As a result, the U.S. Government consulted with the Government of Mexico as to whether it intends to fill its allocated portion of the August 2008 increase. The Government of Mexico has informed the Government of the United States that Mexico will continue to export sugar under the duty-free access provided by the North American Free Trade Agreement and thus will not use the portion of the WTO refined sugar TRQ allocated to Mexico and it is available for re-allocation by the United States.

The USTR hereby re-allocates that portion, 68,278 MTRV, to the global refined sugar TRQ, which may be supplied by any country on a first-come, first-served basis, subject to any other provision of law. With this reallocation, the global portion of the FY 2009 refined sugar tariff-rate quota now amounts to 239,245 MTRV. No certificate of quota eligibility is required for sugar entering under this global tariff-rate quota.

On October 27, 2008, the Secretary of Agriculture, pursuant to his authority under 15 CFR pt. 2011.110 to the set terms, limitations, and conditions for entry of refined sugar such as this, determined that 28,278 MTRV of the re-allocated portion of the refined sugar TRQ shall be eligible to enter upon publication of a **Federal Register** notice by the USTR. Of the remainder, 10,000 MTRV may enter 14 days after publication; 10,000 MTRV 28 days after publication; 10,000 MTRV 42 days after publication; and 10,000 MTRV 56 days after publication. If any of these dates fall on a weekend or Federal holiday, the TRQ will open on the next business day.

Susan C. Schwab,

United States Trade Representative.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Rule 6e-2 and Form N-6EI-1; SEC File No. 270-177; OMB Control No. 3235-0177.

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), the Securities and Exchange Commission (the

“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Rule 6e-2 (17 CFR 270.6e-2) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (“Act”) (15 U.S.C. 80a) is an exemptive rule that permits separate accounts, formed by life insurance companies, to fund certain variable life insurance products. The rule exempts such separate accounts from the registration requirements under the Act, among others, on condition that they comply with all but certain designated provisions of the Act and meet the other requirements of the rule. The rule sets forth several information collection requirements.

Rule 6e-2 provides a separate account with an exemption from the registration provisions of section 8(a) of the Act if the account files with the Commission Form N-6EI-1, a notification of claim of exemption.

The rule also exempts a separate account from a number of other sections of the Act, provided that the separate account makes certain disclosure in its registration statements, reports to contractholders, proxy solicitations, and submissions to state regulatory authorities, as prescribed by the rule.

Paragraph (b)(9) of rule 6e-2 provides an exemption from the requirements of section 17(f) of the Act and imposes a reporting burden and certain other conditions. Section 17(f) requires that every registered management company meet various custody requirements for its securities and similar investments. Paragraph (b)(9) applies only to management accounts that offer life insurance contracts subject to rule 6e-2.

Since 2005, there have been no filings under paragraph (b)(9) of rule 6e-2 by management accounts. Therefore, since 2005, there has been no cost or burden to the industry regarding the information collection requirements of paragraph (b)(9) of rule 6e-2. In addition, there have been no filings of Form N-6EI-1 by separate accounts since 2005. Therefore, there has been no cost or burden to the industry since that time. The Commission requests authorization to maintain an inventory of one burden hour for administrative purposes.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;

(b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/ CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, VA 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: October 22, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Regulation BTR; OMB Control No. 3235-0579; SEC File No. 270-521.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information summarized below. The Commission plans to submit this existing collection of information to the Office of Management and Budget for extension and approval.

Regulation Blackout Trade Restriction (“Regulation BTR”) (17 CFR 245.100-245.104) clarifies the scope and application of Section 306(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (“Act”) (15 U.S.C. 7244(a)). Section 306(a)(6) (15 U.S.C. 7244(a)(6)) of the Act requires an issuer to provide timely notice to its directors and executive officers and to the Commission of the imposition of a blackout period that would trigger the statutory trading prohibition of Section 306(a)(1) (15 U.S.C. 7244(a)(1)). Approximately 1,230 issuers file Regulation BTR notices annually. We

estimate that it takes 2 hours per response for an issuer to draft a notice to directors and executive officers for a total annual burden of 2,460 hours. The issuer prepares 75% of the 2,460 annual burden hours for a total reporting burden of $(1,230 \times 2 \times .75)$ 1,845 hours. In addition, we estimate that an issuer distributes a notice to five directors and executive officers at an estimated 5 minutes per notice $(1,230 \text{ blackout period} \times 5 \text{ notices} \times 5 \text{ minutes})$ for a total reporting burden of 512 hours. The combined annual reporting burden is $(1,845 \text{ hours} + 512 \text{ hours})$ 2,357 hours.

Written comments are invited on: (a) Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden imposed by the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Consideration will be given to comments and suggestions submitted in writing within 60 days of this publication.

Please direct your written comments to Lewis W. Walker, Acting Director/ CIO, Securities and Exchange Commission, C/O Shirley Martinson, 6432 General Green Way, Alexandria, Virginia 22312; or send an e-mail to: PRA_Mailbox@sec.gov.

Dated: October 22, 2008.

Florence E. Harmon,
Acting Secretary.

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

Upon Written Request, Copies Available
From: Securities and Exchange Commission, Office of Investor Education and Advocacy, Washington, DC 20549-0213.

Extension:

Regulation G; OMB Control No. 3235-0576; SEC File No. 270-518.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Commission”) is soliciting comments on the collection of information