Administration (EBSA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395–7316/ this is not a toll-free number), within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

The OMB 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 submission of responses.

Agency: Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Title: Annual Report for Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements and Certain Entities Claiming Exception.

OMB Number: 1210–0116.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; Not-for-profit institutions; and Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Type of Response: Reporting.

Number of Respondents: 741.

Number of Annual Responses: 3,718.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 2 hours and 50 minutes for fully insured filers to 3 hours and 35 minutes for filers not fully insured.

Total Burden Hours: 564.

Total Annualized Capital/Startup Costs: $0.

Total Annual Costs (operating/ maintaining systems or purchasing services): $348,997.

Description: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), codified as part 7 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), was enacted to improve the portability and continuity of health care coverage for participants and beneficiaries of group health plans. In the interest of assuring compliance with part 7, HIPAA also added section 101(g) to ERISA permitting the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary) to require multiple employer welfare arrangements (MEWA) as defined in section 3(40) of ERISA to report to the Secretary in such form and manner as the Secretary might determine. Under 29 CFR 2520.101–2, Form M–1 is required to be filed by MEWAs and by other entities described in the regulation. The purpose of the information collection is to provide the Secretary with information to determine the extent to which the requirements of part 7 of ERISA are being carried out in connection with the provision of benefits consisting of medical care.

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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; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Labor.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: Article 10(1)(a) of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) calls for the Council for the Commission for Labor Cooperation to review the operation and effectiveness of the NAALC. The Council completed a review of the Agreement in 1998, for the period 1994–1998, and issued a report titled ''Review of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation.'' In that report, the Council agreed to undertake a second review in the year 2002. The U.S. National Administrative Office hereby extends by 60 days the period for filing public comments for the purpose of that report. This action is taken to permit additional comments from interested persons.

DATES: Written comments on the operation and effectiveness of the NAALC should be submitted by February 3, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the National Administrative Office, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S–5205, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lewis Karesh, Acting Director, National Administrative Office, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room S–5205, Washington, DC 20210. Telephone: (202) 693–4900 (this is not a toll-free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation (NAALC) was signed by the Presidents of the United States of America and of the United Mexican States, and the Prime Minister of Canada in September 1993 and entered into force on January 1, 1994. Article 10(1)(a) of the NAALC provides that the Council shall ''oversee the implementation and develop recommendations on the further elaboration of this Agreement and, to this end, the Council shall, within four years after the date of entry into force of this Agreement, review its operation and effectiveness in light of experience * * *.'' The Council carried out the first review of the Agreement in 1998 and issued a report titled ''Review of the North American Agreement on Labor Cooperation.'' In that report, the Council agreed to undertake a second comprehensive review in the year 2002. As part of the review, the National Administrative Office is seeking public comments on the operation and effectiveness of the NAALC from 1999 to the present. This request for public comments was previously announced in the **Federal Register** of November 5, 2003 (68 FR 62620), with a deadline of December 5, 2003. However, it has been decided to extend the deadline by an additional 60 days to February 3, 2004, to provide the public with more time to submit comments. Written comments and/or an electronic version (preferred in Microsoft Word format) may be sent to the National Administrative Office. In the event that a response to this notice is going to be sent by electronic mail, please use the following address—*USNAO@DOL.GOV*—and the following subject heading: Response to Request for Comments on NAALC Review 2004.

A text of the NAALC can be obtained at the following Internet address: *http://www.dol.gov/ILAB/regs/naalc/ naalc.htm*. A text of the first four year review can be obtained at the following Internet address: *http://www.naalc.org/ english/publications/review.htm* or by calling (202) 693–4900.

Signed at Washington, DC on November 18, 2003.

Lewis Karesh,

Acting Director, National Administrative Office.

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