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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Office of the Secretary****Submission for OMB Review:  
Comment Request**

August 18, 2009.

The Department of Labor (DOL) hereby announces the submission of the following public information collection request (ICR) to the Office of

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<sup>2</sup> Because Novelty's registration was immediately suspended, my review of the Order to Suspend Shipment was held in abeyance pending the issuance of the final order in Novelty and judicial review of it.

Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. chapter 35). A copy of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, including among other things a description of the likely respondents, proposed frequency of response, and estimated total burden may be obtained from the *RegInfo.gov* Web site at <http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain> or by contacting Darrin King on 202-693-4129 (this is not a toll-free number)/e-mail: [DOL\\_PRA\\_PUBLIC@dol.gov](mailto:DOL_PRA_PUBLIC@dol.gov).

Interested parties are encouraged to send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Department of Labor—Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Telephone: 202-395-7316 / Fax: 202-395-5806 (these are not toll-free numbers), E-mail:

[OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov) within 30 days from the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**. In order to ensure the appropriate consideration, comments should reference the OMB Control Number (see below).

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 without change of a currently approved collection.

*Title of Collection:* Notice Requirements of the Health Care Continuation Coverage Provisions.

*OMB Control Number:* 1210-0123.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profits.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 593,000.

*Total Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 0.

*Total Estimated Annual Costs Burden (excludes hourly wage costs):* \$34,500,473.

*Description:* On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, Public Law 111-5. ARRA includes a requirement that the Secretary of Labor (the Secretary), in consultation with the Secretaries of the Treasury and Health and Human Services, develop model notices. These models are for use by group health plans and other entities that, pursuant to ARRA, must provide notices of the availability of premium reductions and additional election periods for health care continuation coverage. For additional information, see related notice published at Vol. 74 FR 24040 on May 22, 2009.

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