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■ **October 30, 2015. H-2B Forms Extended.**

The forms for the H-2B program have been extended temporarily until November 30, 2015 while OFLC awaits approval of its request for a three year extension under review with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). OFLC will continue to extend the forms in one month increments until approved by OMB. A second comment period, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act, ends November 30, 2015. For complete details see the Federal Register notice for OMB control number 1205-0509 [here](#) and [here](#).

■ **October 29, 2015. H-2A Final Rule: Range Herding or Production of Livestock in the United States**

The Department will host two public webinars to educate stakeholders, program users, and other interested members of the public on the changes to the Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Range Herding or Production of Livestock in the United States made by the 2015 H-2A Herder Final Rule, which published on October 16, 2015 with an effective date of November 16, 2015. The Final Rule may be found [here](#).

The webinar briefings are scheduled for November 10, 2015 and November 17, 2015. Each webinar will be from 2:00 PM until 3:30 PM Eastern time. There is no pre-registration for the public webinar. The webinar will be accessible to the public on a first-come, first-served basis on the each webinar day. Please read the instructions for accessing the Department's webinars for the 2015 H-2A Herder Final Rule [here](#).

■ **October 29, 2015. H-2A Herder Rule FAQs**

The Department of Labor is making available Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that address job order and application filing, processing, and wage rate under the new regulation governing the Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Herding or Production of Livestock on the Range in the United States (H-2A Herder Final Rule). This rule will be effective on November 16, 2015. To read the new FAQs, please click [here](#). To read a short description of the H-2A Herder Rule and FAQs addressing implementation and major provisions of the H-2A Herder Rule, please click [here](#).

■ **October 21, 2015**

FY 2015 Q4 Cumulative Disclosure Data The OFLC PERM, H-2A, H-2B, Prevailing Wage, and H-1B program disclosure data files for Quarter 4 of FY 2015 are now available. Click [here](#) to access the disclosure files and corresponding record layouts.

■ **October 21, 2015**

The Office of Foreign Labor Certification has posted updated program factsheets containing the FY 2015 Quarter 4 Selected Statistics for the [Permanent Labor Certification Program](#), [Prevailing Wage Determination Program](#), [H-1B Temporary Visa Program](#), [H-2A Temporary Agricultural Visa Program](#), and [H-2B Temporary Non-agricultural Visa Program](#). Reports are derived from program data as of 9/30/2015. The updated program factsheets may also be found on OFLC's Performance Data [page](#).

■ **October 16, 2015**

On October 16, 2015, the Department of Labor (Department) published a new regulation governing the Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Herding or Production of Livestock on the Range (H-2A Herder Final Rule) in the United States. This Final Rule amends the current regulations governing the labor certification process and standards to cover H-2A foreign workers in herder occupations, codified at 20 CFR part 655, and enforcement of employer obligations under the H-2A program. In the coming weeks, the Department's Office of Foreign Labor Certification will publish additional technical implementation materials on its website for the new H-2A Herder Final Rule and will alert stakeholders as those materials becomes available. To read the full text of the Final Rule, please click [here](#).

To read a short description of the Final Rule and FAQs regarding the Final Rule, please click [here](#).

■ **October 13, 2015**

On October 13, 2015, the Office of the Federal Register (OFR) placed on public inspection the Final Rule, Temporary Agricultural Employment of H-2A Foreign Workers in the Herding or Production of Livestock on the Range in the United States. The OFR made minor technical edits to the Final Rule posted on our website earlier the same day, but the substance of the Final Rule remains the same. Only the version published in the Federal Register is the official regulation. To view the Final Rule on the OFR's public inspection site, please click [here](#).

■ **October 13, 2015**

On October 13, 2015, the U.S. Department of Labor announced the H-2A Herder Final Rule regarding the employment of foreign workers in jobs related to the herding of livestock on the range, including the herding of sheep and goats. To read the News Release regarding this regulation, click [here](#).

■ **October 2, 2015**

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