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DIRECTIVE : GENERAL ADMINISTRATION LETTER NO. 8-98,  
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TO: : ALL STATE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY AGENCIES

FROM : DAVID HENSON *David Henson*  
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SUBJECT : Continuation of Trade Adjustment Assistance  
(TAA) and NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment  
Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) Programs

- Purpose. To provide State Employment Security Agencies with guidance in the event that the Trade Act's sunset date is not amended before October 10, 1998.
- References. Section 285(c) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, GAL 8-98.
- Background. Section 285(c) of the Trade Act provides a sunset date for the TAA and NAFTA-TAA programs of midnight on September 30, 1998. A bill amending this date, which has been approved by the appropriate committees of both the Senate and the House of Representatives, is pending. It is unknown when this bill will be enacted. GAL 8-98 instructed the States to continue operating the programs through October 9, 1998, since funds for the TAA and NAFTA-TAA programs were included in the continuing resolution that covered the Department's (and other government agencies') programs. It is highly probable that either another continuing resolution, or the HHS-Labor appropriations bill will be passed on or before midnight, October 9, 1998, thus extending the programs for an additional period of time.

RESCISSIONS None	EXPIRATION DATE September 30, 1999
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4. Action Required. Contingent upon the enactment of a second continuing resolution on or before October 9, 1998, or the enactment of the Department of Labor's FY 1999 appropriation, States are instructed to continue operation of the TAA and NAFTA-TAA programs for the duration of that continuing resolution, or through September 30, 1999, as appropriate. The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) will advise the States of further developments as they occur.

5. Inquiries. Inquiries regarding these instructions should be directed to the appropriate Regional Office.