Purpose—To state Bureau Policy concerning registration or approval of training trust fund provisions in apprenticeship standards, or addenda, or as incorporated in bargaining agreements.

Explanation—Since the authorization of apprenticeship or training trust funds under the 1959 Amendments to the Labor Management Relations Act, 1947, some JAC program sponsors have sought registration of training trust fund provisions in standards, or addenda thereto, as a sign of approval by the Department of Labor.

Policy—Because the Act does not come under the jurisdiction of the Department, it would be inappropriate for BAT to give any official recognition to such provisions for training trust funds. Wherever reference is made to apprenticeship and training trust funds in an apprenticeship program, it should be understood by the sponsors that BAT registration pertains to recognition of conformance to apprenticeship fundamentals only, and does not pertain to compliance with the provisions of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended by the Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959. When any significant omission of a requirement in a training fund provision or document is noted, the appropriate field representative should be advised.