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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-38,377]

Dearborn Brass, 21st Century Companies, Inc., Media, PA; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on October 4, 2000 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Dearborn Brass, 21st Century Companies, Inc., Media, Pennsylvania.

The petition verification stage of the investigation revealed the petitioning group of workers are actually located in Tyler, Texas. The worker group is subject to an ongoing investigation for which a determination has not yet been issued (TA-W-38,349). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 12th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-37,919]

Guess?, Inc., Los Angeles, California; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated December 1, 2000, the petitioners request administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on November 3, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on December 6, 2000 (65 FR 76289).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;

(2) if it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or

(3) if in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a mis-interpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The November 3, 2000, denial of TAA for workers of Guess?, Inc., was based on the finding the workers separated from employment at the subject firm in Los Angeles, California, were engaged in distribution of apparel and not in the production of an article as required in the group eligibility requirements of the Trade Act of 1974.

The petitioners, in the application for reconsideration, state that some of the distribution workers were formerly employed in production operations (cutting, samples and embroidery). Workers were transferred to distribution before being separated from employment.

Although not elaborated on in the negative determination, sales and production at Guess?, Inc., Los Angeles, California, increased in the relevant time period. Consequently, there was no basis for further investigation.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of December 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-38,364]

Johnson and Johnson Medical, Inc., El Paso, TX; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on November 27, 2000 in response to a petition which was filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Johnson and Johnson Medical, Inc. in El Paso, Texas.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently,

further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, D. C. this 12th day of December, 2000.

Linda Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-38,077]

Paris Accessories, Inc. Belt Division, Allentown, Pennsylvania; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at Paris Accessories, Inc., Belt Division, Allentown, Pennsylvania. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-38,077; Paris Accessories, Inc., Belt Division Allentown, Pennsylvania (December 12, 2000)

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of December, 2000.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-37,571 and TA-W-37,517A]

Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, NC and Walstonburg, NC; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on May 30, 2000, applicable to workers of Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina. The notice was published in

the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2000 (65 FR 40134).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations occurred at subject firms' Walstonburg, North Carolina facility when it closed in October, 2000. The workers were engaged in the production of sweat shirts, sweat pants and sweat shorts.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include the workers at the Walstonburg, North Carolina location of Rugged Sportswear. The intent of the Department's certification is to include 11 workers of Rugged Sportswear who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-37,571 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina (TA-W-37,571) and Walstonburg, North Carolina (TA-W-37,571A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 31, 1999 through May 30, 2002 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington DC this 15th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-38,237]

STAEG Hamatech, Inc., Saco, ME; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on October 23, 2000 in response to a worker petition which was filed by a company official on October 17, 2000 on behalf of workers at STAEG Hamatech, Inc., Saco, Maine.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, D.C., this 14th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-38,328]

Staples Business Advantage, Staples, Inc. Canton, MI; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on November 20, 2000 in response to a worker petition which was filed on behalf of workers at Staples Business Advantage, Staples Inc., Canton, Michigan.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Dated: Signed in Washington, DC this 18th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) [44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)]. This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Employment and Training Administration is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection financial data for the National Farmworker Jobs Program on a modified Standard Form 269 Financial Status Report (ETA 9092). A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the

office listed below in the addresses section of this notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressees section below on or before February 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Thomas Martin, Division of Financial Grants Management Policy and Review, Office of Grants and Contract Management, United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Rm. N-4720, Washington, DC 20210, (202-693-2989—not a toll free number) and Internet address: TCMartin@DOLETA.GOV and/or FAX: (202-693-3362).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Pursuant to Public Law 105-220, dated August 7, 1998 and 20 CFR Parts 652, et al., Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Final Rules, date August 11, 2000, the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration has revised the financial reporting instructions for the National Farmworker Jobs Program. The WIA regulations at Part 669, Subpart A, establish that the general administrative requirements found in 20 CFR Part 667 apply to the NFJP program. The proposed reporting format and corresponding instructions have been developed in accordance with the Reporting Requirements contained in 20 CFR 667.300, including the provision for cumulative accrual reporting by fiscal year of appropriation. The data elements contained on the prototype format will be incorporated into software which will be provided electronically to the NFJP grantees to enable direct Internet reporting.

This proposed collection supercedes the Financial Status Report (FSR) for the National Farmworker Jobs Program previously announced in the **Federal Register** on October 3, 2000.

II. Review Focus

The Department of Labor 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;