

production, employment, and increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by workers of the subject firm.

The Department has obtained information on reconsideration that there were increased company imports of traction motors for locomotives from Mexico during the relevant time period.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reconsideration, it is concluded that the workers of Motor Coils Manufacturing, Emporium, Pennsylvania, were adversely affected by increased imports of articles, including those from Mexico, like or directly competitive with those produced at the subject firm.

All workers of Motor Coils Manufacturing, Emporium, Pennsylvania, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 18, 1999 through two years from the date of the certification, are eligible to apply for worker adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974;

* * * and

All workers of Motor Coils Manufacturing, Emporium, Pennsylvania, separated from employment on or after January 17, 1999, through two years from the date of the certification, are eligible to apply for

NAFTA-TAA under section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 23rd day of May 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II,

Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than June 12, 2000.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than June 12, 2000.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 22nd day of May, 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[Petitions instituted on 05/22/2000]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
37,684	Colby Footwear, Inc (Co.)	Gonic, HN	05/04/2000	Women's Footwear.
37,685	Makco Manufacturing Co (Co.)	Edinboro, PA	05/03/2000	Metal Stamped Parts.
37,686	Calgon Corporation (Wkrs)	Pittsburgh, PA	05/11/2000	Water Treatment Chemicals.
37,687	Xantech Corporation (Co.)	Sylmar, CA	05/10/2000	Signal Processing and Control Systems.
37,688	Ripley Industries (Co.)	Lewiston, ME	05/12/2000	Women's Shoe Heels.
37,689	AGRI Sales (Wkrs)	Saginaw, MI	05/10/2000	Dry Edible Beans.
37,690	PCC Olofsson (Wkrs)	Lansing, MI	05/03/2000	Slack Adjuster for Semi-Trucks.
37,691	Four Seasons Apparel Co. (Co.)	Murfreesboro, NC	05/05/2000	Sportswear.
37,692	Valley Recreation Product (Co.)	Sycamore, IL	05/10/2000	Electronic Dart Games.
37,693	PCS Nitrogen (Wkrs)	Camanche, IA	05/10/2000	Nitric Acid and Ammonium Nitrate.
37,694	Meritor Automotive, Inc (IAMAW)	Fairfield, IA	04/28/2000	Universal Joints for Trucks.
37,695	Ryan Press (Wkrs)	Ogdensburg, NY	04/23/2000	Commercial Printing.
37,696	Parker Hannifin (Wkrs)	Batesville, MS	05/04/2000	Hose Assemblies for Automobiles.
37,697	Scientific Research Co. (Co.)	Portland, OR	05/02/2000	Metal Parts for Trucks.
37,698	Grayson Enterprises (Wkrs)	Eaton, IN	04/28/2000	Sterile Sampling Bags.
37,699	Invensys Appliance Control (Co.)	Independence, VA ...	05/04/2000	Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Controls.
37,700	Cove Shoe Co. (UFCW)	Martinsburg, PA	05/15/2000	Leather Boots.
37,701	Oregon Woodworking (Co.)	Bend, OR	05/05/2000	Interior Jambs.
37,702	Spencer's (Wkrs)	Mt. Airy, NC	04/27/2000	Baby Clothes.
37,703	Beloit Corporation (PACE)	Neenah, WI	05/09/2000	Service Paper Machines & Parts.
37,704	Ferwood Magnetics (Wkrs)	Belvidere, NJ	04/23/2000	Magnetic Transistor Devices.
37,705	Competitive Engineering (Wkrs)	Tucson, AZ	05/06/2000	Pico Carriers.
37,706	Fruit of the Loom (Wkrs)	Frankford, KY	05/12/2000	Wilson Sports Products.
37,707	Oliver Rubber Co. (Wkrs)	Export, PA	05/09/2000	Cure Tread Rubber.
37,708	Stanley Tools (Co.)	Shelbyville, IN	05/09/2000	Hammers and Hand Saws.
37,709	Boeing (Wkrs)	St. Louis, MO	05/11/2000	Military Aircraft and Missiles.
37,710	A.T. Cross Co. (Co.)	Lincoln, RI	04/13/2000	Writing Instruments.
37,711	Dana Epic Technical Group (Wkrs)	Kendallville, IN	05/05/2000	Fuel Rails for Autos and Trucks.
37,712	Rite Industries, Inc (Comp)	High Point, NC	05/17/2000	Dyes for Textile and Paper Industries.

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Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-37,016]

Deluxe Corporation, Financial Services Division, Springfield, Massachusetts; 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 Delux Corporation, Financial Services Division, Springfield, Massachusetts. 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-37,106; Deluxe Corporation, Financial Services Division, Springfield, Massachusetts (May 23, 2000).

Signed at Washington, DC this 25th day of May 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-37,541]

Joshua L. Bailey Co., Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey; 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 Joshua L. Bailey Co., Inc., Hoboken, New Jersey. 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-37, 541; Joshua L. Bailey Co., Hoboken, New Jersey (May 24, 2000).

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Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-37,060]

Liz Claiborne, North Bergen, NJ; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated March 30, 2000, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees (UNITE) 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 February 29, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 2000 (65 FR 14627).

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 misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The February 29, 2000 denial of TAA for workers producing samples and patterns at Liz Claiborne, North Bergen, New Jersey, was based on the finding that the "contributed importantly" test of the worker group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met. The investigation revealed that the layoffs at the subject firm were not related to increased imported but instead, a restructuring of operations at the subject facility.

The petitioners disagree with the statement in the denial notice that "Samples produced at the subject facility are used in the company's worldwide production of apparel and could not therefore, have been adversely affected by increased imports." UNITE believes that the Department set a

precedent when it certified other sample-making workers.

The TAA certifications referenced by UNITE were applicable to workers of those companies where sample-making/cutting were shifted abroad and the samples were returning to the United States. That is not the case for the workers producing samples and patterns at Liz Claiborne in North Bergen, New Jersey. UNITE states North Bergen employees no longer produce certain sizes of sample garments. The Department's investigation, however, revealed that the company chose to reduce sample making and patterns at North Bergen.

UNITE suggests that the company's apparent decision to shift sample making and patterns abroad support a certification. However, there is no provision in the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 to certify workers based on a shift in production.

UNITE asserts that imports of articles at a later stage of processing have had an economic effect on the North Bergen workers comparable to the effect of importation of foreign-made sample garments and/or markers by definition in the Code of Federal Regulations, 29 CFR 90.2. The Department points out that the importation of the article (apparel) would have to have an economic effect on producers of the domestic article (samples and patterns) in the same stage as processing as the domestic article. In this case the importation of apparel is not in the same stage of processing as samples and patterns.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigation 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, D.C. this 22nd day of May 2000.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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