

Also, pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance hereinafter called (NAFTA-TAA) and in accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act as amended, the Department of Labor presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for NAFTA-TAA issued during the month of September, 2000.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for NAFTA-TAA the following group eligibility requirements of section 250 of the Trade Act must be met:

(1) That a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, (including workers in any agricultural firm or appropriate subdivision thereof) have become totally or partially separated from employment and either—

(2) That sales or production, or both, of such firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely,

(3) That imports from Mexico or Canada of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by such firm or subdivision have increased, and that the increases imports contributed importantly to such workers' separations or threat of separation and to the decline in sales or production of such firm or subdivision; or

(4) That there has been a shift in production by such workers' firm or subdivision to Mexico or Canada of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced by the firm or subdivision.

#### Negative Determinations NAFTA-TAA

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criteria (3) and (4) were not met. Imports from Canada or Mexico did not contribute importantly to workers' separations. There was no shift in production from the subject firm to Canada or Mexico during the relevant period.

NAFTA-TAA-04006; *Chipman-Union, Inc., Belmont, NC*  
 NAFTA-TAA-04023; *Flexfab Horizons International, Inc., Flexfab/Moxness, L.L.C., Racine, WI*  
 NAFTA-TAA-04067; *ABC-NACO, Inc., Superior, WI*  
 NAFTA-TAA-04115; *International Paper Co., Flexible Packaging Div., Monticello, AR*  
 NAFTA-TAA-04022; *Pharr Yarns, Inc., McAdenville, NC*

NAFTA-TAA-04089; *Tyco International, Tyco Electronics, Sanford, ME*

NAFTA-TAA-04095; *Trus Joist, A Weyerhaeuser Co., Junction City, OR*

NAFTA-TAA-04062; *Penn Machine Co., Johnstown, PA*

NAFTA-TAA-04031 & A; *Occidental Chemical Corp., Buffalo Avenue-Niagara Falls Plant, Niagara Falls, New York and Grand Island Technology Center, Grand Island, NY*

The investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified

NAFTA-TAA-4112; *Harris Interactive, Inc., Vestal, NY*

NAFTA-TAA-04104; *Hennessee Apparel, Inc., Decatur, TN*

The investigation revealed that workers of the subject firm did not produce an article within the meaning of section 250(a) of the Trade Act, as amended.

#### Affirmative Determinations NAFTA-TAA

NAFTA-TAA-04019; *Reckitt Benckiser, Inc., Consumer Products Div., Rockwood, MI: June 21, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04039; *ABEK, LLC, Bristol, CT: July 13, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-03898; *Volex, Inc., Power Cord Div., Clinton, AR: May 1, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04107; *American Bag Corp., Stearns, KY: August 23, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04033; *Diversified Enterprises, d/b/a Habitat, Inc., Montrose, CO: July 20, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04094; *A.O. Smith Electrical Products Co., Gordonsville, TN: August 2, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04140; *Ultima Trim, Inc., Los Indios, TX: September 1, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-4083; *Canon Business Machines, Inc., Costa Mesa, CA: August 7, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04038; *Dana Engine Controls, Brandford, CT: July 20, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04105; *Lucchese, Inc., El Paso, TX: August 20, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-04097; *Trinity Industries, Inc., McConway and Torley Group, Asheville, NC: August 14, 1999.*

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the month of September 2000. Copies of these determinations are available for inspection in Room C-5311, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210 during normal business hours or will be mailed to persons who write to the above address.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

**Curtis Kooser,**

*Acting Director, 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 show below, not later than October 23, 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 October 23, 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, Room C-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210.

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

**Edward A. Tomchick,**

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

APPENDIX  
[Petitions Instituted on 09/25/2000]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
38,115	Wallowa Forest Products (Wkrs)	Wallowa, OR	09/18/2000	Dimensional Lumber.
38,116	SI Cutting (Wkrs)	Opalocka, FL	09/13/2000	Fabric Cutting.
38,117	California Direct Service (Wkrs)	San Diego, CA	09/13/2000	Print of Direct Mail & Data Processing.
38,118	Livingston Apparel (Wkrs)	Livingston, AL	09/12/2000	Sweatshirts, Pants, Shorts.
38,119	John Dusenbery Co: (IBS)	Randolph, NJ	09/11/2000	Large Industrial Converting Equipment.
38,120	Bausch and Lomb (Wkrs)	Rochester, NY	09/06/2000	Contact Lens.
38,121	Duke Energy Field Service (Wkrs)	Ada, OK	08/24/2000	Natural Gas and Gas Liquids.
38,122	Equitable Production Co. (Wkrs)	Kingsport, TN	09/13/2000	Oil and Gas.
38,123	Thaw Corporation Co.	Seattle, WA	09/06/2000	Fleece, Powerstretch, Gore-Tex.
38,124	A.D.H. Manufacturing (Co.)	Etowah, TN	09/08/2000	Ladies' and Girl's Clothing.
38,125	Santa's Best (Co.)	Millville, NJ	09/12/2000	Plush & Non-Woven Textile Christmas Item.
38,126	Eastland Manufacturing (Co.)	Freeport, ME	09/13/2000	Mens' & Women's Shoes, Boots.
38,127	Ansell Healthcare (Co.)	Dothan, AL	09/12/2000	Condoms.
38,128	Fujitsu Computer Products (Co.)	Hillsboro, OR	09/13/2000	Computer Products.
38,129	Eramet Marietta (Co.)	Marietta, OH	09/11/2000	Manganese Metal.
38,130	Elberton Manufacturing (UNITE)	Elberton, GA	09/08/2000	Ladies' Blouses.
38,131	Imperial Coat Front (UNITE)	New York City, NY	09/10/2000	Lapels for Suits and Coats.
38,132	Christina Coat and Suit (Wkrs)	Brooklyn, NY	09/12/2000	Ladies' Jackets, Skirts.
38,133	UFE (Wkrs)	El Paso, TX	09/12/2000	Automotive Plastic Components.
38,134	Antonio Clothing (UNITE)	New York, NY	09/14/2000	Men's Jackets and Overcoats.
38,135	Archer Daniels Midland (Wkrs)	Helena, AR	09/08/2000	Soybeans, Soybean Oil and Meal.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training  
Administration Office of Workforce  
Security; 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 [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 extension collection of the MA 8-7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the addressee section of this notice.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addressee section below on or before December 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Darlyne Bryant, Room C-4518, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 219-5200, extension 366 (this is not a toll-free number); e-mail: [dbryant@doleta.gov](mailto:dbryant@doleta.gov); facsimile (202) 208-5844.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration regulations, 20 CFR 601, Administrative Procedures, contains collection of information requirements at Sections 601.2 and 601.3. Section 601.2 requires States to submit copies of their unemployment compensation laws for approval by the Secretary of Labor so that the Secretary may determine the status of State laws and plans of operation. Section 601.3 requires States to "submit all relevant State materials such as statutes, executive and

administrative orders, legal opinions, rules, regulations, interpretations, court decisions, etc." These materials are used by the Secretary to determine whether the State law contains provisions required by Section 3304(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Grants of funds are made to States for the administration of their employment security laws if their unemployment compensation laws and their plans of operation for public employment offices meet required conditions of Federal laws. The information transmitted by Form MA 8-7 is used by the Secretary to make findings (as specified in the above cited Federal laws) required for certification to the Secretary of the Treasury for payment to States or for certification of the State law for purposes of additional tax credit. If this information is not available, the Secretary cannot make such certifications. To facilitate transmittal of required material, the Department prescribes the use of Form MA 8-7, Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials. This simple checkoff form is used by the States to identify material being transmitted to the National Office and allows the material to be routed to appropriate staff for prompt action.

**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;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technologies collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**III. Current Actions**

States could not be certified if this information were not collected and Form MA 8-7 greatly facilitates its receipt.

*Type of Review:* Extension without change.

*Agency:* Employment and Training Administration.

*Title:* Transmittal for Unemployment Insurance Materials.

*OMB Number:* 1205-0222.

*Agency Number:* MA 8-7.

*Affected Public:* State Governments.

*Total Respondents:* 53.

*Frequency:* As needed.

*Total Responses:* 3,120.

*Average Time per Response:* 1 minute.

*Estimated Total Burden Hours:* 53 hours.

*Total Burden Cost (capital/startup):* None.

*Total Burden Cost (operating/maintaining):* \$1,060.

Comments submitted in response to this comment request will be summarized and/or included in the request for Office of Management and Budget approval of the information collection request; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

**Grace A Kilbane,**

*Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.*

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