DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Trade Adjustment Assistance Program; Designation of Certifying Officers

AGENCY: Employment and Training Administration; Labor. **ACTION:** Notice of designation of certifying officers.

SUMMARY: The trade adjustment assistance program operates under the Trade Act of 1974 to furnish program benefits to domestic workers adversely affected in their employment by imports of articles which are like or are directly competitive with articles produced by the firm employing the workers. The Trade Adjustment Assistance Reform

Act of 2002 amended the Trade Act of 1974, to extend eligibility to those workers whose firm shifted production to certain foreign countries; to workers of upstream supplier firms selling components to firms whose workers have received a certification of eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance; to workers of downstream producer firms engaged in assembly or finishing for firms whose workers have received a certification of eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance based on a shift in production or increased imports from Mexico or Canada; and added the program option of alternative trade adjustment assistance for older workers over age 50 years. Workers become eligible for program benefits only if the worker group is certified under the Act as eligible to apply for adjustment

assistance and/or alternative trade adjustment assistance. From time to time the agency issues an Order designating or redesignating officials of the agency authorized to act as certifying officers, responsible for reviewing and signing adjustment assistance determinations. Employment and Training Order No. 1–05, was issued to revise the listing of officials designated as certifying officers, superseding the previous Order. Employment and Training Order No. 1–05, is published below.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 31st day of January 2005.

Emily Stover DeRocco,

Assistant Secretary of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

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EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ORDER NO. 1-05

TO:

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL OFFICES

FROM:

EMILY STOVER DeROCCO

Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT:

Trade Adjustment Assistance Program (Trade Act of 1974) -

Designation of Certifying Officers

- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To designate certifying officers to carry out functions required for the worker adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Act), including the Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance program, and the regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at title 29, part 90.
- 2. <u>Directive Affected</u>. Employment and Training Order No. 1-01, February 14, 2001, 66 Fed. Reg. 29593 (May 31, 2001), is superseded.
- 3. <u>Background</u>. Persons designated as certifying officers are vested with certain authority and assigned to carry out responsibilities under 29 CFR part 90. Such authority and responsibilities include making determinations and issuing certifications with respect to the eligibility of groups of workers to apply for adjustment assistance under the Act and the program benefit regulations at 20 CFR part 617. The operating instructions for the Trade Adjustment Assistant Reform Act of 2002 amendments to the Trade Act of 1974 are contained in Training and Employment Guidance Letter, TEGL 11-02, and Change 1. The operating instructions for the alternative trade adjustment assistance provisions of the Reform Act are contained in Training and Employment Guidance Letter, TEGL 2-03, and Change 1. The Secretary of Labor's Order 3-81, June 1, 1981 (46 Fed. Reg. 31117-01 (June 12, 1981)), among other things-

delegated authority and assigned responsibility [to the Assistant Secretary for Employment and Training] for coordinating, monitoring, and insuring that the functions of the Secretary of Labor under the Trade Act of 1974 are carried out, including but not limited to. . [d]eveloping and promulgating program performance standards relating to the conduct of certification investigations, public hearings, issuance of notice of certification decisions, delivery of program benefits, and other processes involved in the administration of the trade

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adjustment assistance program. . .[and] determining eligibility of groups of workers to apply for adjustment assistance.

- 4. <u>Designation of Officials</u>. By virtue of the authority vested in me by Secretary's Order 3-81, the following officials of the Employment and Training Administration, United States Department of Labor, are hereby designated and/or redesignated as certifying officers for the trade adjustment assistance programs.
 - a. Linda G. Poole, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
 - b. Elliott S. Kushner, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance
 - c. Richard Church, Program Analyst, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance

The foregoing designated certifying officers are delegated authority and assigned responsibility, subject to the general direction and control of the Assistant Secretary and Deputy Assistant Secretaries of the Employment and Training Administration, the Administrator of the Office of National Response, and the Program Manager for the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, to carry out the duties and functions of certifying officers under 29 CFR part 90 and any succeeding regulations.

5. Effective Date. This Order is effective on date of issuance.

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