

properly understood, then the worker group would be considered eligible for trade adjustment assistance.

In its investigation to assess the eligibility of petitioning worker groups for trade adjustment assistance, the Department considers the actual products produced by subject firm workers, and whether or not like or directly competitive products were imported in the relevant period. Thus, the "functions" as represented by the petitioner, are irrelevant. The overwhelming amount of mold and die production was transferred to another affiliated domestic location. As indicated in the initial investigation, the subject firm also produced plastic molds, but this constituted a relatively small portion of overall plant production. The plastics mold operation was abandoned at the time of plant closure, as it was a residual business of facility's previous owners, and not in line with the business experience and interests of Metaldyne. Recent contact with a company official confirmed that the company did not import products competitive with those produced at the subject firm during the relevant period.

The petitioner also indicates that additional plants located in foreign locations perform the same kind of work and production.

An examination of the attachments provided by the petitioner show various products (*i.e.*, precision die casting as rough castings, machined casting, assemblies and modules) made on a company wide basis from various locations, including foreign locations. The import of these products to the United States is not relevant to the TAA or NAFTA investigations that were filed on behalf of workers producing molds and dies. The product imported must be "like or directly" competitive with what the subject firm produced and the imports (including Canada and/or Mexico as it relates to NAFTA) must "contribute importantly" to the layoffs at the subject plant to meet the eligibility requirements for adjustment assistance under section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 or NAFTA-TAA under section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

The petitioner further appears to state that there has been little consideration for present economical factors that point to the current trend of thousands of manufacturing plant closures and massive layoffs due to overseas trade agreements resulting in the Accura Tool and Dye plant closing.

Economic conditions are not criteria in determining eligibility for worker adjustment assistance pursuant to the Trade Act of 1974. Increased imports

(imports from Canada or Mexico as it relates to NAFTA) of products like or directly competitive with what the subject plant produced must contribute importantly to the layoffs at the subject plant to meet the eligibility requirements of TAA or NAFTA. Also, a shift in production to Canada or Mexico could have qualified the workers for NAFTA. In any event, none of these events occurred thus the criteria were not met for the workers of Metaldyne, Inc., formerly Accura Tool & Mold Co., Inc., Crystal Lake, Illinois.

Conclusion

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

Signed in Washington, DC, this 13th day of March, 2003.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of March 2003.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) That a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated; and

(2) That sales or production, or both, of the firm or sub-division have decreased absolutely, and

(3) That increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or

appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production of such firm or subdivision.

Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

None.

In the following case, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

The investigation revealed that criterion (a)(2)(A) (I.C.) (Increased imports) and (a) (2)(B) (II.B) (No shift in production from a foreign country) have not been met.

TA-W-50,996; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Netta, Naknek, AK.
TA-W-50,165; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Jenni Lee, Aleknagik, AK.
TA-W-50,131; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Raymond Thorsen, Dillingham, AK.
TA-W-51,057; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Bucko, Dillingham, AK.
TA-W-51,040; Emcee Broadcast
Products, White Haven, PA.
TA-W-50,993; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Darcie Michelle, Dillingham, AK.
TA-W-50,919; Southern Farm Fish
Processors, Inc., a Div. of Farmland
Industries, Inc., Eudora, AR.
TA-W-50,911; Benton Veneer Co.,
Benton, AR.
TA-W-50,897; Fishing Vessel (F/V) Miss
Kari, Yankeetown, FL.
TA-W-50,793; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Matthew Thorson, Dillingham, AK.
TA-W-50,768; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Maya Ann, Anchorage, AK.
TA-W-50,759; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Cape Menemikof, Dillingham, AK.
TA-W-50,756; Fishing Vessel (F/V),
Camelot, Togiak, AK.
TA-W-50,754; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Areil Rochelle, Nushagak, AK.
TA-W-50,710; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Kona Rose, Seattle, WA.
TA-W-50,691; State of Alaska
Commercial Fisheries Entry
Commission Permit #SO3T65910I,
Newhalen, AK.
TA-W-50,621; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Frances A, Naknek, AK.
TA-W-50,630; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Alicia Dawn, Togiak, AK.
TA-W-50,360; Ocean State Finishing
Co., Woonsocket, Rhode Island.
TA-W-50,340; Lear Corp., Electrical
and Electronics Div. (Leed), Plant
074, Peru, IN.
TA-W-51,512; Fishing Vessel (F/V)
Millie Jo, Chignik Lagoon, AK.

TA-W-51,428; *South Bend Acquisition Corp.*, South Bend, IN.
 TA-W-50,593; *Exemplar Manufacturing Co.*, Ypsilanti, MI.
 TA-W-50,537; *Brillion Iron Works, Inc.*, Brillion, WI.
 TA-W-50,220; *Trus Joist, a Weyerhaeuser Business*, Stayton, OR.
 TA-W-50,389; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Three Wind*, Dillingham, AK.
 TA-W-50,464; *Central Chair Co.*, Asheboro, NC.
 TA-W-50,645; *Sinsitl Fisheries*, Kodiak, AK.
 TA-W-50,703; *Versa-Tool, Inc.*, Meadville, PA.
 TA-W-50,748; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Aldebaran*, Ketchikan, AK.
 TA-W-50,769; *Magic Fish Co.*, False Pass, AK.
 TA-W-50,795; *Purl Knit Fabric Corp.*, Brooklyn, NY.
 TA-W-50,985; *S.B. Foot Tanning Co.*, Texas Div., Dumas, TX.

The workers firm does not produce an article as required for certification under section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

TA-W-50,463; *McCormick Enterprises, Inc.*, Delton, MI.
 TA-W-51,048; *Kayser-Roth Corp.*, Creedmoor Facility, Creedmoor, NC.
 TA-W-51,001; *e-Gain Communications Corp.*, Novato, CA.
 TA-W-50,940; *Olympic Security Services, Inc.*, Will Rogers World Airport, Oklahoma City, OK.
 TA-W-50,942; *Specialty Merchandise Corp (SMC)*, Chatsworth, CA.

The investigation revealed that criteria (2) has not been met. The workers' firm (or subdivision) is not an upstream supplier or components for trade-affected companies.

TA-W-50,458; *Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.*, Corrugated Container Div., Spartanburg, SC.

The investigation revealed that criterion (a)(2)(A)(I.A) (no employment declines) has been met.

TA-W-50,524; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Jessica*, Anchorage, AK.
 TA-W-50,734; *Genesis Designs*, Bend, OR.
 TA-W-50,467; *State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit #SO4T-60471B*, Homer, AK.
 TA-W-51,061; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Pauline Marie*, Manokotak, AK.
 TA-W-50,625; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Thunderbird*, Anchorage, AK.

The investigation revealed that criterion (a)(2)(A)(I.B) (sales or production, or both did not decline) and (a)(2)(A)(II.B) (no shift in production to a foreign country) have not been met.

TA-W-50,843; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) My Girls*, Port Heiden, AK.
 TA-W-51,169; *State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit #SO4T608705*, Egegik, AK.
 TA-W-50,351; *Top Gun Tool, Inc.*, Erie, PA.
 TA-W-50,818; *Hitchiner Manufacturing Co.*, Ferrous Div., Littleton, NH.

Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance

The following certifications have been issued; the date following the company name and location of each determination references the impact date for all workers of such determination.

TA-W-42,180; *Hy-Lift, LLC*, Muskegon, MI: September 17, 2001.
 TA-W-42,360; *Precision Twist Drill Co.*, Rhinelander, WI: September 16, 2001.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of (a)(2)(A) (increased imports) of section 222 have been met.

TA-W-50,540; *Gaylord Container Corp.*, d/b/a *Inland Paperboard and Packaging, Inc.*, Antioch, CA: December 3, 2001.
 TA-W-50,064; *Cerro Fabricated Products, a Div. of Cerro Metal Products Co.*, Bristol, CT: November 12, 2001.
 TA-W-50,275; *Chinook Sailing Products*, Cascade Locks, OR: November 25, 2001.
 TA-W-50,478; *Maysteel, LLC*, Mayville, WI: December 27, 2001.
 TA-W-50,525; *Cincinnati Machine, Div. of Unova, Inc.*, Cincinnati, OH: January 7, 2002.
 TA-W-50,554; *Scotty's Fashions*, Palmerton, PA: January 6, 2002.
 TA-W-50,663; *Blackman Uhler, a Div. of Synalloy Corp.*, Spartanburg, SC: January 15, 2002.
 TA-W-50,685; *Elm Tex, Inc.*, West Springfield, MA: January 24, 2002.
 TA-W-50,885 & A,B; *Flying J. Oil and Gas, Inc.*, North Salt Lake, UT, Sidney, MT and Gillette, WY: February 7, 2002.
 TA-W-50,943; *Tree Top, Inc.*, Consumer Packaged Goods Div. *Selah*, WA: February 13, 2002.
 TA-W-50,955; *Specialized Bicycle Components*, Salt Lake City Facility, Salt Lake City, UT: February 20, 2002.
 TA-W-50,280, A,B,C,D; *The Holmes Group*, Rival Div., *Golding Drive Location*, Clinton, MO, *South Orchard Location*, Clinton, MO, *Kansas City*, MO, *Jackson*, MS and *Sweet Springs*, MO: December 9, 2001.

TA-W-50,956; *Woodbridge Sanitary Pottery*, a subsidiary of *Gerber Plumbing Fixtures Crop*, Woodbridge, NJ: February 14, 2002.
 TA-W-50,418; *Plastx World*, a subsidiary of *Clayfield Management, LTD (UK)*, including leased workers of *Express Personnel*, Wharton, NJ: December 17, 2001.
 TA-W-50,770; *Warp Knit Mills, Inc.*, Lincolnton, NC: February 3, 2002.
 TA-W-50,773; *Crystal Dyeing Finishing*, Hickory, NC: February 3, 2002.
 TA-W-50,666; *John Crowley, Inc.*, Jackson, MI: January 22, 2002.
 TA-W-50,192; *Smith and Wesson Corp.*, Springfield, MA: December 13, 2002.

The following certification has been issued. The requirement of upstream supplier to trade certified primary firm has been met.

TA-W-50,689; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Wendy Ann*, Kodiak, AK: January 23, 2002.
 TA-W-50,306; *Nevamar Co.*, Particleboard Div., Stuart, VA: December 4, 2001.
 TA-W-50,840; *State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit #SO4T57684H*, Manokotak, AK: January 30, 2002.
 TA-W-50,794; *Santa Rosa, Inc.*, Kodiak, AK: February 3, 2002.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of (a)(2)(B) (shift in production) of section 222 have been met.

TA-W-50,731; *The Protectoseal Co.*, Bensenville, IL: January 7, 2002.
 TA-W-50,579; *Thomson 60 Case, LLC*, a subsidiary of *Thomson Industries, Inc.*, Lancaster, PA: January 3, 2002.
 TA-W-50,680; *Avery Dennison*, Milford, MA: January 16, 2002.
 TA-W-50,712; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Mikna Rene*, Manokotak, AK: January 21, 2002.
 TA-W-50,715; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Aaron and Eric*, Manokotak, AK: January 21, 2002.
 TA-W-50,751; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Anuskat*, Manokotak, AK: January 21, 2002.
 TA-W-50,877; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Number One*, Manokotak, AK: January 22, 2002.
 TA-W-50,933; *Fishing Vessel (F/V) Marilyn*, Cook Inlet, AK: February 18, 2002.
 TA-W-50,944; *Honeywell International*, Aerospace-West Coast Support Operations, Burbank, CA: February 7, 2002.
 TA-W-50,971; *Imco Recycling of Idaho*, Post Falls, ID: February 14, 2002.
 TA-W-50,396; *Sherwood Tool, a Div. of Sweetheart Cup Co., Inc.*,

Commercial Manufactured Parts Div., Kensington, CT; and Assembled Equipment Div., Kensington, CT: December 11, 2001.

TA-W-50,701; Midwest Electric Products, Inc., a wholly-Owned subsidiary of General Electric Corp., Mankato, MN: January 24, 2002.

TA-W-50,093A; Kane Magnetics International, Inc., Galeton, PA: November 6, 2001.

TA-W-50,029; State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit #SO4K618440, Kodiak, AK: November 5, 2001.

TA-W-50,585; Skillers USA, C and S Apparel, Inc., Butler, PA: December 10, 2001.

TA-W-50,623; Arimon Technologies, Inc., Montello, WI: January 17, 2002.

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 March 2003.

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.

None.

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

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

None.

Affirmative Determinations NAFTA-TAA

None.

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the month of March 2003. Copies of these determinations are available for inspection in Room C-5311, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210 during normal business hours or will be mailed to persons who write to the above address.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-50,777]

A.O. Smith, Electrical Products Company, Ripley, TN; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on February 4, 2003, in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at A.O. Smith, Electrical Products Company, Ripley, Tennessee.

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

Signed in Washington, DC this 17th day of March 2003.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-50,761]

State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit # SO4T (Nick Timurphy), Dillingham, AK; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on January 30, 2003 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of the group of workers covered by the State of Alaska Commercial Fisheries Entry Commission Permit # SO4T (Nick Timurphy), Dillingham, Alaska.

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

Signed at Washington, DC this 18th day of March, 2003.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, 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 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 of 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