

Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of April 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-36,108 & NAFTA 3,104]

#### **Sherman Lumber Company, Sherman Station, ME; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration**

On August 17, 1999, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 31, 1999 (64 FR 47521).

The Department initially denied TAA to workers of Sherman Lumber because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of Section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The workers at the subject firm were engaged in employment related to the production of maple flooring.

The petitioner asserted that sufficient customers have not been surveyed and requested that the Department survey bids lost by the subject firm.

On reconsideration, the Department requested that the subject firm provide additional information about customers and lost bids. The Department conducted a survey of lost domestic bids by the subject firm. The respondents indicated that their purchase of maple flooring were from domestic manufacturers.

#### **Conclusion**

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Sherman Lumber, Sherman Station, Maine.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 21st day of April, 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

NAFTA-3369

#### **Superior—Essex, Pauline, KS; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration**

On March 20, 2000, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. United Steelworkers of America stated that the production of copper rod was shifted from the Pauline, Kansas plant of Superior-Essex to Mexico. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 2000 (65 FR 16227).

The Department initially denied NAFTA-TAA to workers producing copper building wire at Superior-Essex, Pauline, Kansas based on the finding that criteria (3) and (4) of the group eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of Section 250 of the Trade Act, as amended, were not met. The subject firm did not increase imports of like products from Canada or Mexico, nor did it shift production to Canada or Mexico.

New information obtained on reconsideration regarding the production of copper rod at the subject plant show that prior to the plant closure, sales and production of copper rod increased from 1998 to 1999. Superior—Essex did not import copper rod from Mexico or Canada, nor did it shift production from Pauline, Kansas to those countries. The copper rod produced by workers at the Superior-Essex, Pauline, Kansas, is being transferred to other domestic plants of the subject firm.

#### **Conclusion**

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for NAFTA-TAA for workers and former workers of Superior—Essex, Pauline, Kansas.

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 20th day of April 2000.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA—02738A]

#### **Talon, Inc., Division of Coats North America, Lake City, SC; Including Temporary Workers of Will Staff Personnel Services, Greenville, SC; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, title II, of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on December 11, 1998, applicable to workers of Talon, Inc., Division of Coats North America, Lake City, South Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 1998 (63 FR 71166).

At the request of the States agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information provided by the State shows that some workers separated from employment at Talon, Inc. had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account at Will Staff Personnel Services. Workers from Will Staff Personnel Services produced zippers at the Lake City, South Carolina location of Talon, Inc.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include workers from Will Staff Personnel Services, Greenville, South Carolina who were engaged in the production of zippers at Talon, Inc., Lake City, South Carolina.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Talon, Inc., Division of Coats North America adversely affected by the shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA—02738A is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Talon, Inc., Division of Coats North America, Lake City, South Carolina (NAFTA—2738A), including temporary workers of Will Staff Personnel Services, Greenville, South Carolina, engaged in employment related to the production of zippers for Talon, Inc., Division of Coats North America, Lake City, South Carolina who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 16, 1997 through December 11, 2000 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.