

APPENDIX—Continued

Petitions instituted between 08/09/2004 and 08/26/2004

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
55,510	Fey Automotive Products (Wkrs)	Irwindale, CA	08/26/2004	08/17/2004
55,511	Cherry Electrical Products (Wkrs)	Pleasant Prairi, WI	08/26/2004	08/24/2004
55,512	Kimble Glass (USWA)	Warsaw, IN	08/26/2004	08/25/2004
55,513	Peerless Pottery (Comp)	Rockport, IN	08/26/2004	08/24/2004

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[TA-W-55,108]

**Cosom Sporting Goods, Inc.,
Thorofare, NJ; Notice of Affirmative
Determination Regarding Application
for Reconsideration**

By letter of July 28, 2004, a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to workers of the subject firm. The determination was signed on July 15, 2004. The Department's Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2004 (69 FR 46575).

The Department reviewed the request for reconsideration and has determined that the petitioner has provided additional information. The Department will conduct further investigation to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for TAA.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 25th day of August, 2004.

Elliott S. Kushner,*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade
Adjustment Assistance.*

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[TA-W-55,045]

**Merrow Machine Company, Newington,
Connecticut; Notice of Negative
Determination Regarding Application
for Reconsideration**

By application of July 24, 2004, International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers -Communications Workers of America, Local No. 249 requested 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 July 13, 2004, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 3, 2004 (69 FR 46574).

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 petition for the workers of Merrow Machine Company, Newington, Connecticut engaged in production of industrial sewing machines was denied because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of the workers' firm's customers. The survey revealed no increase of imports of industrial sewing machines during the relevant period. The subject firm did not import industrial sewing

machines in the relevant period nor did it shift production to a foreign country.

The petitioner alleges that the subject company shipped products to several foreign countries, including China, Russia and Japan, thus workers of the subject firm should be eligible for TAA.

As trade adjustment assistance is concerned exclusively with whether imports or a shift in production to a trade impacted country causes layoffs of petitioning worker groups, the above-mentioned allegation regarding subject firm's exports of products is irrelevant.

A company official was requested to provide the additional list of all the remaining customers which were not surveyed during the original investigation. All customers provided by a company official during the reconsideration represent foreign firms.

The petitioner further alleges that the subject firm lost its business due to an impact of the foreign competition on textile industry.

In order to establish import impact, the Department must consider imports that are like or directly competitive with those produced at the subject firm. The Department conducted a survey of the subject firm's major declining domestic customers regarding their purchases of industrial sewing machines. The survey revealed that the declining customers did not import industrial sewing machines during the relevant period.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative 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 in Washington, DC this 26th day of August, 2004.

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Adjustment Assistance.*

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