

for workers of the subject facility to include workers of what was thought to be a successor company, Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon, Oregon. The workers were engaged in the production of high density hardboard.

New information shows that although operations at the subject facility were undertaken by Oregon Panel Products, LLC, there is no successor-in-interest status. There was a three month break in operations between the shutdown of the Lebanite Corporation, and the start up of Oregon Panel Products. Workers separated from employment at the subject facility had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for Oregon Panel Products, LLC.

Furthermore, the workers of Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon Oregon are covered by another petition instituted on June 2, 2004 (TA-W-55,009).

Accordingly, the Department is terminating the amendment to properly reflect this matter.

The amendment to TA-W-52,773 is hereby terminated, and the original notice applicable to TA-W-52,773 is hereby re-issued as follows:

- All workers of Lebanite Corporation, Hardboard Division, Lebanon, Oregon, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 1, 2002, through October 29, 2005, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of August 2004.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-55,149]

Oregon Panel Products, LLC Lebanon, OR; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, an investigation was initiated on June 28, 2004 in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers of Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon, Oregon.

The petitioning group of workers is covered by a certification of petition TA-W-55,009 issued on August 5, 2004. Further investigation in this case would duplicate efforts and serve no

purpose; therefore the investigation under this petition has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC this 5th day of August 2004.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-55,009]

Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon, OR; Notice of Revised Determination on Reopening

On June 2, 2004, the Department, on its own motion, reopened its investigation for the former workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation was terminated on the basis that the petitioning group of workers was covered by an active certification issued on October 29, 2003 (TA-W-52,773), which remained in effect and had been amended to reflect what was believed to be a name change of the subject facility.

The Department obtained new information that revealed that there is no successor-in-interest status for Oregon Panel Products, LLC. Therefore, the investigation is being reopened.

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C 2273), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

In order to make an affirmative determination and issue a certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance, the group eligibility requirements in either paragraph (a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B) of Section 222 of the Trade Act must be met. It is determined in this case that the requirements of (a)(2)(A) of Section 222 have been met.

The investigation was initiated on June 2, 2004 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers of Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon, Oregon. The workers at the subject firm produced hardboard.

The findings of the investigation on reopening revealed that sales and employment at the subject firm decreased absolutely with the closure of the facility in May 2004.

The Department of Labor surveyed the subject firm's major customers regarding their purchases of hardboard. The

survey revealed increases in imports of hardboard during the period under investigation.

In addition, Unites States aggregate imports of hardboard increased significantly during the period under investigation.

In accordance with Section 246 the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

Conclusion: After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with hardboard produced at Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon, Oregon contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of workers and to the decline in sales or production at that firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Oregon Panel Products, LLC, Lebanon, Oregon who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 27, 2003 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, DC, this 5th day of August 2004.

Richard Church,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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