

purchased by Gold Peak, also known as GP Batteries (USA). GP Lithium Batteries in Waterbury has announced that the plant is closing September 30, 1998. Some of the workers separated from employment at the Waterbury plant will have had their wages reported under the unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for GP Lithium Batteries.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the Waterbury, Connecticut plant adversely affected by increased imports. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to reflect that Duracell North Atlantic Group is under the new ownership of GP Lithium Batteries.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-34,067 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Duracell North Atlantic Group, also known as GP Lithium Batteries, Waterbury, Connecticut engaged in employment related to the production of rechargeable battery packs who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 21, 1996 through February 2, 2000, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 31st day of August 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,487; et al.]

Halmode Apparel, Incorporated; et al.; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on June 24, 1998 applicable to all workers of Halmode Apparel, Incorporated in New Castle, Virginia. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 31, 1998 (63 FR 40935).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information from the company shows that worker separations will occur at the subject firms' Covington and Roanoke, Virginia production facilities when they close in October, 1998. The workers are

engaged in employment related to the production of maternity dresses and nurses uniforms.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at Halmode Apparel, Incorporated, Covington and Roanoke, Virginia.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Halmode Apparel, Incorporated adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-34,487 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Halmode Apparel, Incorporated, New Castle, Virginia (TA-W-34,487), Covington, Virginia (TA-W-34,487B) and Roanoke, Virginia (TA-W-34,487C) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 9, 1997 through June 24, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 31st day of August, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,685]

Siebe Automotive North America, Knoxville, TN; Notice of Revised Determination on Reopening

On July 30, 1998, the Department issued a Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, applicable to workers and former workers of Siebe Automotive North America in Knoxville, Tennessee. The notice will be published shortly in the **Federal Register**.

By letter of August 11, 1998, the company requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's denial. New information provided by the subject firm and confirmed by the sole customer shows that the customer is using a different vendor who is manufacturing like or directly competitive articles in Canada and importing the finished product into the U.S.

Workers at the subject firm are engaged in employment related to the production of emission gas recirculating valves. The workers are not separately identifiable by product line.

Sales, production and employment at the Knoxville, Tennessee facility

declined during the relevant time period.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reopening, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with emission gas recirculating valves, contributed importantly to the decline in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of Siebe Automotive North America in Knoxville, Tennessee. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Siebe Automotive North America in Knoxville, Tennessee, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 12, 1997 are eligible to apply for worker adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 27th day of August 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,655]

Tri Americas, Incorporated, A/K/A Try America, Incorporated, El Paso, TX; Notice of Revised Determination on Reopening

On August 25, 1998, the Department, on its own motion, reopened its investigation for workers and former workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on July 27, 1998, because the "contributed importantly" test of the Group Eligibility Requirements of the Trade Act was not met for workers at the subject firm. The workers produced men's high-end denim pants. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 7, 1998 (63 FR 42433).

New information presented during a NAFTA-TAA petition investigation (NAFTA-2524) for the workers of the subject firm included a customer survey conducted by the Department for the time period relevant to the investigation. The survey results show that a major declining customer of the subject firm increased import purchases of jeans while decreasing purchases from the subject firm from 1996 to 1997

and in January–June 1998 compared to January–June 1997.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reopening, it is concluded that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with jeans produced by the subject firm contributed importantly to the decline in sales and to the total or partial separation of workers of the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974, I make the following revised determination:

All workers of Tri Americas, Incorporated, also known as Try America, Incorporated, El Paso, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 27, 1997, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 28th day of August 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration; Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act.

The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled “General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts,” shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S–3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

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