

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-35,414]

Baker Oil Tools, Baker Hughes Inc. Headquartered in Houston, TX; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

Including workers in the following states:

TA-W-35,414A Arkansas
 TA-W-35,414B California
 TA-W-35,414C Illinois
 TA-W-35,414D Kansas
 TA-W-35,414E Louisiana
 TA-W-35,414F Mississippi
 TA-W-35,414G Missouri
 TA-W-35,414H New Mexico
 TA-W-35,414I North Dakota
 TA-W-35,414J Oklahoma
 TA-W-35,414K Pennsylvania
 TA-W-35,414L Tennessee
 TA-W-35,414M Wyoming

By application dated April 9, 1999, Labor Counsel (hereafter referenced as the petitioner) for the subject firm requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding worker eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The denial notice applicable to workers of the subject firm headquartered in Houston, Texas, including workers in multiple States, signed on March 8, 1999, will soon be published in the **Federal Register**.

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.

Findings of the initial investigation showed that workers of the subject firm were primarily engaged in the production of oilfield tools and equipment. Workers were denied eligibility to apply for TAA based on the finding that criteria (2) and (3) of the group eligibility requirements of Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met.

The petitioner asserts that sales and employment at Baker Oil Tools decreased in the relevant time periods.

Data submitted to the Department by Baker Oil Tools show increases in sales and employment from 1997 to 1998. Even if criterion (2) was met, further investigation would serve no purpose because criterion (3) has not been met. Aggregate U.S. imports of oil and gas field machinery are negligible.

The petitioner also asserts that specific consideration was not given to field marketing employees, particularly technical specialists and fishing tool supervisors providing services at the rig site. The petition was filed by a company official on behalf of workers of the subject firm manufacturing oilfield tools and service equipment at various U.S. locations. The investigation concluded that the predominant portion of the workforce at Baker Oil Tools were engaged in employment related to the production of oilfield tools and equipment.

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 at Washington, D.C. this 13th day of April 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-35,586]

Buckeye, Inc. Midland, TX; Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance; Correction

This notice corrects the notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance applicable to workers of Buckeye, Inc., Midland, Texas, which was published in the **Federal Register** on April 6, 1999 (64 FR 16752) in FR Document 99-8383.

This revises the subject firm TA-W number on page 16752 to read TA-W-35,586 instead of TA-W-35,486.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 12th day of April 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-35,152]

Buster Brown Apparel, Inc., Chilhowie, VA; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on January 19, 1999, applicable to workers of Buster Brown Apparel Inc. located in Chilhowie, Virginia. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 25, 1999 (64 FR 9354).

At the request of a State representative, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The certification limited the coverage to workers engaged in employment related to the embroidering of children's apparel. New information provided by a company official reveal that subsequent layoffs have occurred for those workers engaged in sewing children's apparel.

The intent of the Department's certification is to cover all workers of Buster Brown Apparel, Inc., Chilhowie, Virginia, who were adversely affected by increased imports of children's apparel. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to expand coverage to all workers of the subject firm.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-35,152 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Buster Brown Apparel, Inc., Chilhowie, Virginia, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 19, 1997 through January 19, 2001, are eligible to apply for worker adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 12th day of April 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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