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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-37,466, TA-W-37,466A]

Rochester Button Company; South Boston, VA; Kenbridge 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 of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on April 13, 2000, applicable to workers of Rochester Button Company, South Boston, Virginia. The notice will be published soon in the **Federal Register**.

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information received by the company shows that worker separations occurred at the Kenbridge, Virginia location of Rochester Button Company. The workers are engaged in the production of polyester buttons.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Rochester Button Company who were adversely affected by increased imports.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover the workers of Rochester Button Company, Kenbridge, Virginia.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-37,466 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Rochester Button Company, South Boston, Virginia (TA-W-37,466), and Kenbridge, Virginia (TA-W-37,466A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 1, 1999, through April 13, 2002 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

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

Grant D. Beale,*Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-37,331]

Vesuvius Premier Refractories Washington, Pennsylvania; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers at Vesuvius Premier Refractories, Washington, Pennsylvania. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-37,331; Vesuvius Premier Refractories, Washington, Pennsylvania (April 26, 2000)

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

Grant D. Beale,*Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[NAFTA-03151]

A and M, Inc. d/b/a Homemaker North Charleston, 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 Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on June 25, 1999, applicable to workers of Homemaker Industries, Inc. located in North Charleston, South Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 1999 (64 FR 38922).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of braided rugs. New information received from the company shows that on April 17, 2000, A and M, Inc. purchased Homemaker Industries, Inc. and became known as A and M Inc., d/b/a Homemaker. Information also shows that workers separated from employment at Homemaker Industries,

Inc. had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for A and M, Inc., d/b/a Homemaker.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to properly reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Homemaker Industries, Inc. who were adversely affected by the shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-03151 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of A and M, Inc., d/b/a Homemaker, North Charleston, South Carolina who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 4, 1998 through June 25, 2001 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

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

Grant D. Beale,*Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-37,011 and NAFTA-3527]

Cooper Energy Services, Grove City, PA; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of January 31, 2000, the petitioners request administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) application to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notices were signed on January 14, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2000 (65 FR 5690) and (65 FR 5691), respectively.

The petitioners present evidence that some of the production performed by workers at the subject firm has been shifted to Canada and is returning to the United States.

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

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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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.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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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,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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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.