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**Winona Knitting Mills, Inc. Berwick Knitwear (Formerly Komar & Sons Berwick Knitwear) Berwick, Pennsylvania; Notice of Revised Determination On Reconsideration**

On April 27, 1996, The Department issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for workers of Winona Knitting Mills, Inc., Berwick Knitwear, Formerly Komar & Sons Berwick Knitwear, Berwick, Pennsylvania, to apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA). The notice will soon be published in the Federal Register.

Investigation findings show that the workers produced sweaters. The workers were denied NAFTA-TAA because criteria (3) and (4) of the group eligibility requirements in paragraph (a)(1) of Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. Investigation findings showed that Winona Knitting Mills did not import sweaters from Mexico or Canada, nor did Winona shift production of sweaters to Mexico or Canada.

New investigation findings on reconsideration shows that the articles manufactured by Winona Knitting Mills have been impacted importantly by imports of sweaters from Mexico and Canada. U.S. import statistics for sweaters from Mexico and Canada show imports increased significantly during the time period relevant to the investigation. The quantity of U.S. imports of sweaters increased 65% from 1993 to 1994, and by almost 125% from 1994 to 1995.

**Conclusion**

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reconsideration, it is concluded that the workers of Winona Knitting Mills, Inc. of Berwick, Pennsylvania were adversely affected by increased imports from Mexico and Canada of articles like or directly competitive with sweaters produced at the subject firm.

"All workers of Winona Knitting Mills, Inc., Berwick Knitwear, Formerly Komar & Sons Berwick Knitwear, Berwick Pennsylvania who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after February 26, 1995 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 8th day of May 1996.

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**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 causes 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 supersedeas 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 rate 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, N.W., Room S-3014, Washington, D.C. 20210.

**New General Wage Determination Decisions**

The number of the decisions added to the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" are listed by Volume and State:

*Volume I*

Maine  
ME960042 (MAY 24, 1996)

*Volume IV*

Indiana  
IN960059 (MAY 24, 1996)

**Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions**

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the Federal Register are in parentheses following the decisions being modified.