Notice of Interim Assignment of Departmental Duties Retained Following Congressional Action With Respect to the Elimination of the Office of the American Workplace

By memorandum effective June 16, 1996, I have delegated authority and assigned responsibility to John Kotch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, for performing all of the following duties prescribed under Secretary's Orders 2–93, 58 FR 42578, and 2–95, 60 FR 13602:

(1) The Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*;

(2) Section 701 (Standards of Conduct for Labor Organizations) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 7120;

(3) Section 1017 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 U.S.C. 4117;

(4) Section 1209 of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, 30 U.S.C. 1209;

(5) The employee protection provisions of the Federal Transit law, as codified at 49 U.S.C. 5333(b) and related provisions;

(6) Section 405(a), (b), (c), and (e) of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970, 45 U.S.C. 565(a), (b), (c), and (e);

(7) Section 43(d) of the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, repealed and reenacted at 49 U.S.C. 42101–42103; and

(8) Executive Order 12954, March 8, 1995, 60 FR 13023, to the extent that the exercise of authority or responsibilities under this Order is consistent with applicable court decisions.

This notice supersedes my notice published in the Federal Register on May 14, 1996 at 61 FR 24334. I currently anticipate that this delegation of authority will be superseded again at the beginning of fiscal year 1997. Nonetheless, this delegation will remain in effect until a further delegation of these duties, or other notice, is executed by me. Any of the above duties may be redelegated, as appropriate, by him.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 13th day of June 1996.

Robert B. Reich,

Secretary of Labor.

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Employment and Training Administration

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Carter-Wallace, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By an application dated May 10, 1996, the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local No. 514L, requested administrative reconsideration of the subject petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The denial notice was signed on April 5, 1996 and published in the Federal Register on April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18757).

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.

Workers at the subject firm were engaged in employment related to the production of condoms. The Union questions why the Department, in making its determination, used corporate wide sales and production at the Trenton, New Jersey production facility, as opposed to limiting the date inquiry to the appropriate subdivision. The Union also claims that the 40% increase in U.S. imports of condoms between 1994 and 1995 contributed importantly to worker separations at Carter-Wallace.

The Department's denial of TAA for worker of Carter-Wallace, Trenton, New Jersey was based on the fact the criteria (2) and (3) of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 were not met. Failure to meet any one of the worker group eligibility requirements is basis for denial.

The Department's findings in the investigation showed that Carter-Wallace made the decision to transfer production from Trenton to another domestic facility. A domestic transfer of production would not provide a basis for certification.

Since layoffs at the subject firm were attributable to a domestic transfer of production, the Department examined corporate-wide sales. Corporate sales and production of condoms increased for the time period relevant to the investigation. Therefore, criterion (2) of the group eligibility requirements is not met.

The Union also raises issues related to foreign ownership of U.S.-based condom manufacturers. Foreign ownership of U.S.-based companies producing articles that are competitive with the condoms produced by Carter-Wallace is irrelevant to this case.

The Union cites that workers of another domestic producer of condoms was certified eligible for TAA benefits. This producer had declining sales, production and employment, and increased its import purchases of condoms, thereby meeting all the certification criteria.

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 5th day of June 1996.

Curtis K. Kooser,

Acting Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA–W–32,268]

Casablanca Fan Company, City of Industry, California; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on April 29, 1996 in response to a worker petition which was filed on April 29, 1996 on behalf of workers at Casablanca Fan Company, City of Industry, California.

An active certification covering the petitioning group of workers remains in effect (TA–W–32,160). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of June, 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

Acting Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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