

(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.

The request for reconsideration claims that the Department did not consider Allergan's transfer of the production of contact lenses to a foreign country.

Findings of the investigation showed that workers of Allergan, Incorporated, Spincast Department located in Waco, Texas produced contact lenses. The Department's denial of TAA for workers of the subject firm was based on the fact that the "contributed importantly" test of the Group Eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met. Layoffs at Allergan were attributable to the sale of the Spincast Division to a foreign facility. The corporate decision to sell the Spincast Division is not a basis for worker certification. Other investigation findings show that the new foreign-owned firm will be producing contact lenses at its own foreign location, and will not be exporting the contact lens production to the United States.

#### 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 28th day of October 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

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

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[TA-W-32,630 et al.]

#### Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Conoco Incorporated Exploration and Production, North America, Headquartered in Houston, Texas, operating out of other locations, TA-W-32,630A, Texas, with other operations in the following States: TA-W-32,630B Colorado, TA-W-32,630C Louisiana, TA-W-32,630D North Dakota, TA-W-32,630E New Mexico, TA-W-

32,630F Oklahoma and TA-W-32,630G, Conoco Incorporated, Headquarters, Houston, Texas.

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on September 13, 1996, applicable to all workers of Conoco Incorporated, Exploration and Production, North America, headquartered in Houston, Texas and operating at various locations in the United States. The notice was published in the Federal Register on October 1, 1996 (61 FR 51304).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The company reports that Conoco's administrative support staff located in Houston, Texas, providing support services to the subject firm's Exploration and Production, North America, upstream operations, were inadvertently excluded from the worker certification.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Conoco, Incorporated who were adversely affected by increased imports of crude oil and natural gas liquids and related petroleum products (upstream). Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include Conoco's headquarters staff in Houston, Texas, providing support services to Conoco Incorporated, Exploration and Production, North America (upstream).

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-32,630 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Conoco Incorporated, Exploration and Production, North America (Headquarters), Houston, Texas (TA-W-32,630), and operating out of other locations in Texas (TA-W-32,630A) with other operations in the following states: Colorado (TA-W-32,630B), Louisiana (TA-W-32,630C), North Dakota (TA-W-32,630D), New Mexico (TA-W-32,630E) and Oklahoma (TA-W-32,630F) engaged in employment related to the exploration and production of crude oil, natural gas liquids and related products (upstream) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 26, 1996 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974" and

"All workers of Conoco Incorporated, Headquarters, Houston, Texas (TA-W-32,630G) engaged in support service activities for Conoco, Incorporated, Exploration and Production, North America, (upstream) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 1, 1995 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 30th day of October, 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

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

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#### Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Program Manager of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221 (a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total of partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address show below, not later than November 18, 1996.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than November 18, 1996.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 21st day of October, 1996.

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