

**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy; Meeting Notice**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463 as amended), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Steering Subcommittee of the Labor Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations and Trade Policy.

*Date, time and place:* November 13, 1997, 10:00 am, U.S. Department of Labor, Room S-5215 B&C, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20210.

*Purpose:* The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Potential U.S. negotiating objectives and bargaining positions in current and anticipated trade negotiations will be discussed. Pursuant to section 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) it has been determined that the meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the Government's negotiating objectives or bargaining positions. Accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 1st day of November 1997.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of October, 1997.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) That a significant number of proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) That sales or production, or both, of the firm or sub-division have decreased absolutely, and

(3) That increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

**Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-33, 766; *Versa Technologies, Inc., Moxness Products Div., Wausau, WI*

TA-W-33, 849; *California Curves, Inc., Temecula, CA*

TA-W-33, 725; *Stanwood Mills, Inc., Slatington, PA*

TA-W-33, 770; *Appleton Papers, Inc., Newton Falls, NY*

TA-W-33, 726 & A; *Thermal Engineering International, Joplin, MO and Pittsburg, KS*

TA-W-33, 681; *Elgin E<sup>2</sup>, Inc., Erie, PA*

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

TA-W-33, 894; *Payless Cashways, Inc., Wichita Falls, TX*

TA-W-33, 733; *Bethship, a Division of Bethlehem Steel Corp., Sparrows Point Yard, Sparrows Point, MD*

TA-W-33, 802; *ACER America Corp., Temple TX*

The workers firm does not produce an article as required for certification under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

TA-W-33, 716; *United Steering Systems, Grabill, IN*

The investigation revealed that criteria (2) has not been met. Sales or production did not decline during the relevant period as required for certification.

TA-W-33, 844; *Bose Corp., Westboro, MA*

Employment declines at the subject plant was caused by a transfer of production to other domestic locations. The company has experienced increasing corporate sales and employment during the relevant period.

TA-W-33, 889; *Elf Atochem, North America, Inc., Tacoma, WA*

TA-W-33, 885; *RG Thomas Corp., Palisades Park, NJ*

TA-W-33, 705; *DeLong Sportswear, Inc., Olney Div., Olney, TX*

TA-W-33, 571; *PCC Composites/Advanced Forming Technology, Pittsburgh, PA*

Increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

TA-W-33, 852; *Kirsch, Inc., Sturgis, MI*

Separations at the subject firm were exclusively associated with a reduction in the number of employees needed to perform administrative functions. There were no layoffs of production workers at Kirsch, Inc., Sturgis, MI during the relevant period.

**Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

The following certifications have been issued; the date following the company name & location for each determination references the impact date for all workers for such determination.

TA-W-33, 846; *Kimberly-Clark Corp., Oconto Falls, WI: August 28, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 804; *Prewash & Pressing Service, Inc., El Paso, TX: August 20, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 876; *Jansport, Inc., Burlington, WA: September 22, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 736; *Bassett Furniture Industries, Inc., Statesville, NC: August 6, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 803; *Precise Polestar, Inc., Phillipsburg, PA: August 15, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 814; *Bourns, Inc., Pressure Products Div., Riverside, CA: August 20, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 637; *Universal-Rundle Corp., Hundo, TX: June 20, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 798; *Concept Apparel 2000 (currently known as JC Jeans, Inc.), El Paso, TX: August 16, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 653; *Anglo Fabrics Co., Inc., Webster, MA: June 26, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 789; *Indian Valley Industries, Inc., Johnson City, NY: August 16, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 847; *Simpson Industries, Inc., Gladwin, MI: September 16, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 820; *Fisher Rosemount Petroleum, Statesboro, GA: August 20, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 835; *Hillsboro Glass Co., Hillsboro, IL: September 2, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 811; *Philips Technologies Airpax, Cambridge, MD: August 27, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 855; *Nukote International, Inc., Franklin, TN: September 15, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 861; *Posey Manufacturing Co., Hoquiam, WA: February 19, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 800; *Milco Industries, Inc., Bloomsburg, PA: August 25, 1996.*

TA-W-33, 751; *Malone Manufacturing, Malone, NY: August 7, 1996.*