

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training
Administration

[NAFTA-01702]

**B.E.L.-Tronics Limited a/k/a BEL
Tronics LLC, Covington, GA;
Amendment 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, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance on July 25, 1997, applicable to workers of B.E.L.-Tronics Limited located in Covington, Georgia. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 1997 (62 FR 46775).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm engaged in employment related to the production of swingmates (circuit board assemblies). New information provided by the State shows that on January 1, 1998, the subject firm began operating under the name BEL-Tronics LLC. Consequently, some of the workers separated from employment at the Covington facility have had their wages reported under the unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for BEL-Tronics LLC.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the B.E.L.-Tronics Limited, Covington, Georgia plant adversely affected by increased imports from Canada or Mexico. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to reflect that B.E.L.-Tronics Limited is also known as BEL-Tronics LLC.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01702 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of B.E.L.-Tronics Limited, also known as BEL-Tronics LLC, Covington, Georgia, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 10, 1996 through July 25, 1999, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 10th day of June 1998.

Grant D. Beale,*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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[TA-W-34,188 and NAFTA-02140]

**Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated,
Peshtigo, WI; Notice of Revised
Determination on Reconsideration**

On March 2, 1998, the Department issued Negative Determinations Regarding Eligibility to apply for TAA and NAFTA-TAA, applicable to workers and former workers of Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated located in Peshtigo, Wisconsin. The notices were published in the **Federal Register** on March 23, 1998 (63 FR 13878) and (63 FR 13879), respectively.

By letter of March 27, 1998, the petitioners requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's denial of TAA and NAFTA-TAA for workers of the subject firm. Workers at Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated are engaged in employment related to the production of commercial business paper and twisting papers for candies and gum. The petitioners claim that the investigations were lacking in substance in that the Department did not examine paper grade, pricing or competition. Price and marketing practices by domestic competitors would not form the basis for a worker group certification under the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

One of the findings in the original TAA and NAFTA-TAA negative determinations for workers of Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated was that the subject firm exported a majority of their products, and thus, were not import impacted. The petitioners requesting reconsideration, however, presented evidence that some of the commercial paper customers decreasing purchases were domestic customers.

On reconsideration, the Department obtained additional information regarding the output at the Peshtigo plant and the major declining domestic customers. The primary output at Badger Paper Mills in 1996 and 1997 was commercial business paper.

On reconsideration, the Department conducted a survey of the domestic customers reducing purchases of commercial business paper from the subject firm. The customers reported continued or increasing reliance on import purchases of commercial business paper from Mexico or Canada.

Other findings on reconsideration show that the workers at the subject firm are interchangeable among the product lines. Accordingly, the Department recognizes that the worker

separations resulting from increased imports of commercial business paper indirectly affected the workers producing of twisting papers for candies and gum. Workers at Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated that formerly produced pulp at the Peshtigo location are covered under TA-W-32,366 until the expiration date of June 17, 1998, and are therefore, excluded from this finding.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude there were increased imports from foreign sources, including Mexico or Canada, of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated, Peshtigo, Wisconsin engaged in employment related to the production of commercial business paper and twisting papers for candies and gum who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 19, 1997 through two years from the issuance of this revised determination are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974; and

All workers of Badger Paper Mills, Incorporated, Peshtigo, Wisconsin engaged in employment related to the production of commercial business paper and twisting papers for candies and gum who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 16, 1997 through two years from the issuance of this revised determination are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 3rd day of June 1998.

Grant D. Beale,*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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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 June, 1998.