

including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration.

Title: Contribution Operations.

OMB Number: 1205-0178.

Frequency: Quarterly.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal govt.

Number of Respondents: 53.

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 8 hours and 30 minutes.

Total Burden Hours: 1,802.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (cooperating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: Provides quarterly data on State agencies' volume and performance in wage processing, promptness of liable employer registration, timeliness of filing contribution and wage reports, extent of tax delinquency, and results of field audit program.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-36,006]

Ansewn Shoe Company, Bangor, ME; Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-418), the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

In order to make an affirmative determination and issue a certification of eligibility to apply for adjustment assistance each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act

must be met. It is determined in this case that all of the requirements have been met.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition received on April 12, 1999, filed on behalf of workers at Ansewn Shoe Company, Bangor, Maine. The workers were engaged in employment related to the production of men's and women's leather shoes.

The investigation revealed that sales, production and employment at the subject firm have declined during the relevant periods.

A departmental survey was conducted with major customers. The survey revealed that major declining customers of Ansewn discontinued purchasing shoes from the subject firm while importing shoes from sources located overseas during the periods under investigation.

Aggregate U.S. imports of leather shoes increased in the twelve month period January 1997-December 1998 compared with the same twelve month period one year earlier. In 1998 imports were over 800% of the United States production.

Currently, there is a NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance investigation in progress for the workers of the subject firm. The identifying number is NAFTA-3051.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I conclude that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with men's and women's leather shoes produced at Ansewn Shoe Company, Bangor, Maine contributed importantly to the decline in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of that firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Ansewn Shoe Company, Bangor, Maine, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 19, 1999, through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 17th day of June, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,200 et al.]

Nabors Drilling USA, Inc., East Texas/North Louisiana District, Headquartered in Kilgore, TX, Including Bayard Drilling Technologies; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on December 28, 1998, applicable to workers of Nabors USA, Inc., East Texas/North Louisiana District, headquarters in Kilgore, Texas operating at various locations in Texas and Louisiana. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on January 25, 1999 (64 FR 3721).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that Nabors Drilling USA purchased Bayard Drilling Technologies in April, 1999. New information show that some workers separated from employment at Nabors Drilling USA had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for Bayard Drilling Technologies, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The workers provide drilling services related to the exploration and production of crude oil and natural gas.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of Bayard Drilling Technologies.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Nabor Drilling USA, Inc. adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-35,200 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of East Texas/North Louisiana District of Nabors Drilling USA, Inc., headquartered in Kilgore, Texas (TA-W-35,200), including Bayard Drilling Technologies operating at various locations in Texas (TA-W-35,200A), Louisiana (TA-W-35,200B) and Oklahoma (TA-W-35,200D) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 22, 1997 through December 28, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.