

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-36,600]

Copper Range Company, White Pine, Michigan; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at the Copper Range Company, White Pine, Michigan. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-36,600; Copper Range Company White Pine, Michigan (November 15, 1999)

Signed at Washington, DC this 17th day of November, 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-36,080]

Mead Corporation, Mead School and Office Products, Binder Department, Tablet Department, Paper Filler Department, Saint Joseph, Missouri; Amended 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) the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on September 15, 1999, applicable to workers of Mead Corporation, Binder Department, Mead School and Office Products, Saint Joseph, Missouri. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 1999 (64 FR 55751).

At the request of the petitioner, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of binders, notebook cases and planners. New findings show that worker separations have occurred at the subject firm's

Tablet and Paper Filler Departments at the Saint Joseph, Missouri plant.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Mead Corporation, Mead School and Office Products affected by increased imports. Accordingly, the Department is amending the worker certification to include the workers of the Tablet and Paper Filler Departments.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-36,080 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Mead Corporation, Mead School and Office Products, Binder Department, Tablet Department and Paper Filler Department, Saint Joseph, Missouri, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 25, 1998 through September 15, 2001, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 18th day of November 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-36,692]

Smith Tool Ponca City, Oklahoma; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance for workers at the Smith Tool, Ponca City, Oklahoma. The application contained no new substantial information which would bear importantly on the Department's determination. Therefore, dismissal of the application was issued.

TA-W-36,692; Smith Tool Ponca City, Oklahoma (November 15, 1999)

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Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-36,127]

Tri-Pro Cedar Products, Spokane, Washington; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By an application dated October 25, 1999, an attorney for the petitioners (hereafter referred to as petitioners) requested administrative reconsideration of the subject petition for trade adjustment assistance. The denial notice was signed on August 27, 1999 and published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1999 (64 FR 52539).

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.

The investigation findings show that the workers were primarily engaged in employment related to the production of cedar products.

The Department's denial was based on the fact that the "contributed importantly" test of the increased import criterion of the Group Eligibility Requirements of the Trade Act was not met. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of the workers' firm's customers.

The Department's survey of the Tri-Pro Cedar Products' customers shows that none of the customers were decreasing purchases from Tri-Pro Cedar or increasing their reliance on import purchases of articles like or directly competitive with those produced at the Spokane mill. Other findings show that the company chose to close the Spokane mill and shift production of cedar products to another domestic facility.

The petitioners assert that in order for the subject firm to compete with the price advantage of imports over their product, production at Tri-Pro Cedar was consolidated. The company could not switch to alternate production of spruce/pine fir products because the price advantage imports held would have made production of those items