

The USWA, Local 1302, also assert that connecting rods for OMC were produced exclusively at OMC Milwaukee plant and those articles were outsourced to a foreign manufacturer. Information provided by the company during the petition investigation did not specifically identify connecting rods as one of the articles produced. The sales and production information submitted to the Department by the subject firm was for crankshafts, drive shafts, propellers and miscellaneous steel products (which included connecting rods).

In order to respond to the USWA, Local 1302, the Department contacted the subject firm, which confirmed that connecting rods were produced at the Milwaukee plant of the subject firm. The company had planned to outsource the production of connecting rods to a domestic manufacturer, but chose a foreign supplier. There were no company of connecting rods during the time period relevant to the investigation, nor have any company imports occurred since the March 3, 2000 negative determination for TA-W-37,082. Connecting rods were an insignificant percentage of output at the subject firm plant. The majority of production at the OMC Evinrude plant in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was transferred domestically.

**Conclusion**

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or 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 20th day of April 2000.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**  
Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**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 Director of the Division 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 or 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 Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than May 15, 2000.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than May 15, 2000.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of April 2000.

**Grant D. Beale,**  
Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

APPENDIX

[Petitions instituted on 04/10/2000]

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of petition	Product(s)
37,548	Reo Plating, Inc. (Co.)	Providence, RI	03/02/2000	Electro Plating of Jewelry.
37,549	Labeling Systems, Inc. (Co.)	Oakland, NJ	03/20/2000	Pressure Sensitive Labeling Machines.
37,550	Lermer Aircraft Galley (Co.)	Eatontown, NJ	03/25/2000	Food Service Carts.
37,551	PDH d/b/a Omnigrid, Inc. (Co.)	Burlington, WA	03/24/2000	Quilting Rulers and Mats.
37,552	Willamette Ind., Inc. (Wkrs)	Dallas, OR	03/21/2000	Plywood.
37,553	Swanic, Inc. (Wkrs)	Attleboro, MA	03/23/2000	Custome Jewelry.
37,554	Ross Corp. (Co.)	Eugene, OR	03/25/2000	Heavy Logging Equipment.
37,555	Alrose Shoe/Ballet Makers (Co.)	Exeter, NH	03/28/2000	Dance Shoes.
37,556	Cintas #765 (Wkrs)	Stevenson, AL	03/25/2000	Ladies' and Men's Shirts and Pants.
37,557	Touch of Lace (Wkrs)	Fairview, NJ	03/24/2000	Embroider.
37,558	Exide Corp. (Co.)	Reading, PA	03/20/2000	Lead Acid Batteries.
37,559	Anchor Laming America (Wkrs)	Cheshire, CT	03/02/2000	Die Sets, Blanchard Grand Plate.
37,560	Honeywell, Inc. (USWA)	Ironton, OH	03/29/2000	Coal Tar Products.
37,561	Manpower Agency (Wkrs)	San Jose, CA	03/09/2000	Disk Drives, Storage at IBM.
37,562	Beloit Corp. (Co.)	Beloit, WI	03/27/2000	Sells and Services Paper Machinery Equip.
37,563	Tecumseh Products Co. (Wkrs)	Somerset, KY	03/10/2000	Refrigeration Compressors.
37,564	American Camper (Co.)	St. George, UT	03/28/2000	Sleeping Bags.
37,565	Philips Components (Co.)	Saugerties, NY	03/20/2000	Yoke Rings.

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-37,466, TA-W-37,466A]

**Rochester Button Company; South Boston, VA; Kenbridge VA; 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 Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on April 13, 2000, applicable to workers of Rochester Button Company, South Boston, Virginia. The notice will be published soon in the **Federal Register**.

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information received by the company shows that worker separations occurred at the Kenbridge, Virginia location of Rochester Button Company. The workers are engaged in the production of polyester buttons.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Rochester Button Company who were adversely affected by increased imports.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover the workers of Rochester Button Company, Kenbridge, Virginia.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-37,466 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Rochester Button Company, South Boston, Virginia (TA-W-37,466), and Kenbridge, Virginia (TA-W-37,466A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 1, 1999, through April 13, 2002 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington D.C. this 27th day of April, 2000.

**Grant D. Beale,***Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-37,331]

**Vesuvius Premier Refractories Washington, Pennsylvania; Dismissal of Application for Reconsideration**

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(C) an application for administrative reconsideration was filed with the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers at Vesuvius Premier Refractories, Washington, Pennsylvania. 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-37,331; Vesuvius Premier Refractories, Washington, Pennsylvania (April 26, 2000)

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of April, 2000.

**Grant D. Beale,***Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[NAFTA-03151]

**A and M, Inc. d/b/a Homemaker North Charleston, SC; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 250(A), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on June 25, 1999, applicable to workers of Homemaker Industries, Inc. located in North Charleston, South Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 1999 (64 FR 38922).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of braided rugs. New information received from the company shows that on April 17, 2000, A and M, Inc. purchased Homemaker Industries, Inc. and became known as A and M Inc., d/b/a Homemaker. Information also shows that workers separated from employment at Homemaker Industries,

Inc. had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for A and M, Inc., d/b/a Homemaker.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to properly reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Homemaker Industries, Inc. who were adversely affected by the shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-03151 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of A and M, Inc., d/b/a Homemaker, North Charleston, South Carolina who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 4, 1998 through June 25, 2001 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of April, 2000.

**Grant D. Beale,***Program Manager, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[TA-W-37,011 and NAFTA-3527]

**Cooper Energy Services, Grove City, PA; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By letter of January 31, 2000, the petitioners request administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) application to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notices were signed on January 14, 2000, and published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2000 (65 FR 5690) and (65 FR 5691), respectively.

The petitioners present evidence that some of the production performed by workers at the subject firm has been shifted to Canada and is returning to the United States.

**Conclusion**

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of