

the decision document, the Department inadvertently included an irrelevant citation, 19 U.S.C. 2231(a)(1)(A)(iii) and (B). Accordingly, the notice of negative determination on remand is amended to delete the reference to 19 U.S.C. 2231(a)(1)(A)(iii) and (B).

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 15th day of September 2000.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,013]

#### Alcatel Telecommunications Cable Roanoke, Virginia; Notice of Negative Determination on Remand

On July 27, 2000, the United States Court of International Trade remanded this matter to the Secretary of Labor for further investigation in *Former Employees of Alcatel Telecommunications Cable v. Secretary of Labor*, No. 98-03-00540 (Ct. Int'l Trade 2000).

The Department's initial negative determination of eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) for the workers and former workers of Alcatel Telecommunications Cable located in Roanoke, Virginia was issued on December 9, 1997 and published in the **Federal Register** on January 6, 1998, see 63 Fed. Reg. 577 (1998). The denial was based on the finding that criteria (3) of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 2231(a)(1)(A)(iii) and (B), were not met: *i.e.*, imports did not contribute importantly to the worker separations, and the company transferred production to another domestic location.

On remand, the court ordered the Department to undertake a full and complete investigation into the eligibility of former workers at Alcatel Telecommunications cable, Roanoke, Virginia to apply for trade adjustment assistance (TAA).

A complete investigation was undertaken, and the results of that investigation revealed that increased imports of singlemode optical fiber did not contribute importantly to the worker separations. Information provided by the company revealed that the company imports of singlemode optical fiber in 1998 were less than 2% of the 1997 production levels at the Roanoke

facility. Further, a survey of Alcatel's customers who were purchasing singlemode optical fiber for the U.S. market revealed that those customers did not increase their reliance on purchases of imported singlemode optical fiber.

### Conclusion

After careful consideration of the results of the remand investigation, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Alcatel Telecommunications Cable, Roanoke, Virginia.

Signed at Washington, DC this 11th day of September 2000.

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-37,715; TA-W-37,715A]

#### Murray, Incorporated, Lawrenceburg, TN, and Mantachie, MS; 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 June 20, 2000, applicable to workers of Murray, Incorporated, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on July 24, 2000 (65 FR 45620).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations will occur at Murray, Incorporated's Mantachie, Mississippi facility when it closes in October, 2000. The workers are engaged in the production of bicycles.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at Murray, Incorporated, Mantachie, Mississippi. The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Murray, Incorporated adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-37,715 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Murray, Incorporated, Lawrenceburg, Tennessee (TA-W-37,715)

and Mantachie, Mississippi (TA-W-37,715A) engaged in employment related to the production of bicycles who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 11, 1999 through June 20, 2002 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 13th day of September, 2000.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**

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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 September, 2000.

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 or 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 subdivision 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-37,940; Cloverland*

*Manufacturing, Inc., Escanaba, MI*  
*TA-W-37,670; Berstone Knitting Mills,*

*Brooklyn, NY*  
*TA-W-37,753; Spray Cotton Mills, Nova*  
*Yarns Div., Eden, NC*