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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-3983]

Four Seasons of Georgetown, Georgetown, SC; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Public Law 103-182) concerning transitional adjustment assistance, hereinafter called NAFTA-TAA and in accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2331), an investigation was initiated on June 22, 2000, in response to a petition filed on the same date by a company official, on behalf of workers at Four Seasons of Georgetown, Georgetown, South Carolina.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn. Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of October, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-02847]

Sun Apparel of Texas, LTD Armour Plant Cutting Room and Laundry Facility El Paso, TX; 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 Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on March 22, 1999, applicable to workers of Sun Apparel of Texas, Ltd., Armour Plant Cutting Room, El Paso, Texas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 1999 (64 FR 22649).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification

for workers of the subject firm. The workers were engaged in cutting fabric for the apparel industry. New information shows that worker separations occurred at the laundry facility of the subject firm and will continue until its closing in November, 2000. The workers provided laundry services supporting the cutting room operation which closed in 1999. The laundry facility workers were inadvertently omitted from the certification.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Sun Apparel of Texas, Ltd., Armour Plant Cutting Room who were adversely affected by increased imports from Mexico.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include workers of Sun Apparel of Texas, Ltd., Armour Plant Cutting Room, and Laundry Facility, El Paso, Texas. The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-02847 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Sun Apparel of Texas, Ltd., Armour Plant Cutting Room and Laundry Facility, El Paso, Texas who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 22, 1999 through March 22, 2001 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

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

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-04003]

Wallowa Forest Products, Wallowa, Oregon; Notice of Revised Determination on Reopening

On August 22, 2000, the Department issued a Negative Determination Regarding Worker Eligibility to apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance applicable to workers of Wallowa Forest Products, Wallowa, Oregon. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2000 (65 FR 55050).

By letters of September 21 and October 5, 2000, the company requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's denial and provided information about customer purchases of imported stud lumber that the Department had not previously considered.

Workers at the subject firm were engaged in employment related to the production of stud lumber. The workers are not separately identifiable by product line.

Sales, production and employment at the Wallowa facility declined during the relevant time period; the facility closed in June 2000.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination because there was no shift in production to Mexico or Canada and the company did not purchase imported stud lumber from Mexico or Canada. In addition, the Department conducted a survey of major customers which revealed that customers of the subject firm were not increasing their purchases of imported stud lumber.

The customer information provided by the company in its request for administrative reconsideration, and verified by the Department, reveals that a major customer increased purchases of imported stud lumber from Canada while reducing purchases from the subject firm.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with stud lumber contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of Wallowa Forest Products, Wallowa, Oregon. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Wallowa Forest Products, Wallowa, Oregon who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 27, 1999 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 6th day of October 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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MORRIS K. UDALL SCHOLARSHIP AND EXCELLENCE IN NATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICY FOUNDATION

Notice of Meeting

The Board of Trustees of the Morris K. Udall Scholarship & Excellence in National Environmental Policy Foundation will hold a meeting beginning at 8 a.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2000 at the offices of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict