

The Department's denial of NAFTA-TAA for the same worker group was based on the finding that criteria (3) and (4) of the group eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. There was no shift in production of powder metal parts from the subject firm to Mexico or Canada, nor were there company imports of like or directly competitive products from Mexico or Canada.

The petitioner asserts that the subject firm took some of the key management staff to the Powder Metal Products plant in Mexico and production there has increased. Although not elaborated on in the initial investigation, the company acknowledged a recent acquisition of a plant in Mexico. That plant, however, serves the auto market in that country and none of the production was shifted from Logan, Ohio to Mexico, nor will any of the production be coming back to the United States.

The petitioner also provided a shipping label from Metal Powder Specialties in Logan, Ohio, to an address in Mexico. The shipping label to Mexico, by itself, does not present any new information which would warrant worker certification.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 26th day of December 2000.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-4288]

Posies Inc., Rockport, ME; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 103-183) 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 U.S.C. 2331), an investigation was

initiated on November 13, 2000, in response to a petition filed on behalf of workers at Posies Inc., Rockport Maine.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn.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 in Washington, D.C. this 28th day of December, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[Docket No. NAFTA-03838 and NAFTA-03838A]

Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina; Rugged Sportswear, Walstonburg, North Carolina; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 250(a), Subchapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on May 30, 2000, applicable to workers of Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on June 8, 2000 (65 FR 36470).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information shows that worker separations occurred at the subject firms' Walstonburg, North Carolina facility when it closed in October, 2000. The workers were engaged in the production of sweat shirts, sweat pants and sweat shorts.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include the workers at the Walstonburg, North Carolina location of Rugged Sportswear.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Rugged Sportswear who were adversely affected by a shift of production to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-03838 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Rugged Sportswear, Siler City, North Carolina (NAFTA-03838) and Walstonburg, North Carolina (NAFTA-03838A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after

March 31, 1999 through May 30, 2002 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

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

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 01-002]

5th Digital Earth Community Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Lead Agency).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Federal Interagency Digital Earth Working Group will hold the 5th Digital Earth Community Meeting that will focus on accomplishments thus far, and the future of Digital Earth. The intent of this meeting is to continue the efforts of enabling and facilitating the evolution of Digital Earth, a digital representation of the planet that will allow people to access and apply geo-spatial data from multiple resources. Federal, state, and local government along with private industry, academia and others will participate in presentations, workshops and panel discussions. Together we will educate and empower each other to continue to develop the Digital Earth environment.

DATES: Wednesday, January 31, 2001 from 8 am to 5 pm. Registration beginning at 7:30 am.

ADDRESSES: Capitol Union Building, Penn State University at Harrisburg, 777 W. Harrisburg Pike, Middletown, PA 17057.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To register for the meeting, please contact PSU Continuing Education at 717-948-6505 or e-mail: pshceweb@psu.edu. If you would like to present at this meeting, please contact Dr. Todd Bacastow at 814-863-0049 or e-mail bacastow@psu.edu. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, January 24, 2001. This is an outreach service of the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Format: The one day session will concentrate on presentations, workshops, and panel discussions. The status of The National Digital Earth Initiative, What is Digital Earth and It's Community, Using Digital Earth Guidelines, Developing Applications,