Also, pursuant to Title V of the North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 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 as amended, the Department of Labor presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for NAFTA–TAA issued during the month of January 2001.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for NAFTA–TAA the following group eligibility requirements of Section 250 of the Trade Act must be met:

1. that a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers’ firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, (including workers in any agricultural firm or appropriate subdivision thereof) have become totally or partially separated from employment and either—
   2. that sales or production, or both, of such firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely,
   3. that imports from Mexico or Canada of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by such firm or subdivision have increased, and that the increases in imports contributed importantly to such workers’ separations or threat of separation and to the decline in sales or production of such firm or subdivision; or
   4. that there has been a shift in production by such workers’ firm or subdivision to Mexico or Canada of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced by the firm or subdivision.

Negative Determinations NAFTA–TAA

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criteria (3) and (4) were not met. Imports from Canada or Mexico did not contribute importantly to workers’ separations. There was no shift in production from the subject firm to Canada or Mexico during the relevant period.
At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information provided by the State shows that Coach is a subsidiary of Sara Lee Corporation. Some workers at the subject firms’ Medley, Florida facility have had their wages reported under a separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax account for Sara Lee Corporation. The workers were engaged in the production of leather handbags and accessories.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to properly reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department’s certification is to include all workers of Coach who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–38,276 is hereby issued as follows:

“All workers of Coach, a subsidiary of Sara Lee Corporation, Medley, Florida, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after October 24, 1999 through December 4, 2000 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.”


Linda G. Poole,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–37,987]

Hobman Corporation; Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of November 19, 2000, the petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor’s Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on October 31, 2000, and was published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2000 (65 FR 69342).

The petitioners assert that the Department’s investigation did not include PC boards produced by the workers in the time period relevant to the investigation (1998 through July 2000).

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor’s prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 6th day of February, 2001.

Linda G. Poole,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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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 March 2, 2001.

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 March 2, 2001.

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, Room C–5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 29th day of January, 2001.

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

APPENDIX

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