

the mill from Canada to the United States. Although the mill produced lam-stock (considered dimensional lumber of a higher quality) it accounted for a very low portion of mill production. The company reported importing lam-stock from Canada during the relevant period. However, since the workers are not separately identifiable at the mill by dimensional lumber type and the overwhelming majority of softwood dimensional lumber is of a different grade, the imports of lam-stock can not be considered a major contributing factor to the layoffs at the subject plant.

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, D.C., this 4th day of October, 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-38,693 and NAFTA-04514]

Summit Timber Company Darrington, WA, Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of May 14, 2001, the company requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notices were signed on April 6, 2001, and were published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2001 (66 FR 22006) and (66 FR 22007), respectively.

The company supplied an additional list of customers which was not supplied during the initial investigation. The company believes these customers may be importing softwood lumber during the relevant period.

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 24th day of September, 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[NAFTA-4631 and TA-W-38,855]

Willamette Industries, Inc., Foster Plywood Division, Sweet Home, OR; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

By letter (postmark) of May 22, 2001, the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers, Woodworkers (IAMAW), Local Lodge W246, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's denial of North American Free Trade Agreement—Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), applicable to workers of Willamette Industries, Inc., Foster Plywood Division, Sweet Home, Oregon. The notices were published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 2001, NAFTA-4631 (66 FR 22007), and TA-W-38,855 (66 FR 22006).

The workers at the subject firm engaged in activities related to the production of plywood were denied NAFTA-TAA because criteria (1) and (2) of the group eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. The number of workers separated did not account for a significant portion of total workers at the subject firm and there were no declines in sales or production of plywood at the subject firm.

The same worker group was denied TAA because criteria (1) and (2) of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The number of workers separated did not account for a significant portion of total workers at the subject firm and there were no declines in sales or production of plywood at the subject firm.

The request for reconsideration indicates that the worker group impacted at the subject plant were engaged in activities related to the production of veneer core. The request

further indicates that veneer core production decreased at the subject plant. The original determinations were based on the workers engaged in activities related to the production of plywood and workers not being separately identifiable at the subject plant. Upon examination of the request it has become apparent that the workers engaged in the production of veneer core (which is integrated into plywood production at the subject plant) are separately identifiable from the workers producing plywood. Also, layoffs within the worker group producing veneer core are significant. The review further reveals that the plant decreased their veneer core production, while increasing their imports of veneer core from Canada during the relevant period.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reconsideration, it is concluded that increased imports of veneer core, including imports from Canada, contributed importantly to the decline in production and to the total or partial separation of workers at Willamette Industries, Inc., Foster Plywood Division, Sweet Home, Oregon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following revised determination:

“Workers engaged in the production of veneer core at Willamette Industries, Inc., Foster Plywood Division, Sweet Home, Oregon, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 1, 2000, through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974;” and

“Workers engaged in the production of veneer core at Willamette Industries, Inc., Foster Plywood Division, Sweet Home, Oregon, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 1, 2000, through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.”

Signed at Washington, DC, this 28th day of September 2001.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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