

The petition for the workers of Hill Knitting Mills, Richmond, New York was denied because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of customers of the workers' firm. None of the customers reported increasing their purchases of imported interlock JACQ strips with and without separation.

The petitioner feels that the decision is incorrect, since the decision depicted goods the plant produced were used for children's clothing. The petitioner indicated that the goods were used for more than just children's clothing. Although the decision indicated that the workers produced knit fabric for children's clothing the investigation encompassed all goods (interlock JACQ strips with and without separation—sweater blanks, knitted fabric) the mill produced, without distinguishing the end-use (adult, children's—male and female) of the goods considered in the decision. Therefore, the initial investigation and resulting determination included all goods the company produced.

The company in their request for reconsideration explained the reason for the declines in their business, however no new evidence pertinent to the initial petition and investigation was presented.

#### 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 decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 26th day of October 2001.

**Edward A. Tomchick,**

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-40,084]

##### **Mettler Toledo Process Analytical, Inc., Woburn, MA; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was

initiated on September 24, 2001 in response to a worker petition, which was filed on behalf of workers at Metter Toledo Process Analytical, Inc., Woburn, Massachusetts.

The petitioner has requested that the petition be withdrawn.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, DC this 9th day of November 2001.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

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##### **Northrop Grumman Formerly Known as Litton Watertown, CT; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on October 22, 2001 in response to a worker petition, which was filed by the workers at Northrop Grumman, formerly known as Litton, Watertown, Connecticut.

The investigation revealed that the petitioning group of workers were certified on October 31, 2001 (TA-W-40,185). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 8th day of November 2001.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

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##### **Prime Tanning Company Rochester, NH; Notice of Termination of Investigation**

Pursuant to section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on September 24, 2001, in response to a worker petition filed on behalf of workers at Prime Tanning Company, Rochester, New Hampshire.

The petitioning group of workers is subject to an ongoing investigation (TA-W-40,051). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, DC this 5th day of November 2001.

**Linda G. Poole,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

##### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-39,742]

##### **Republic Technologies International, LLC, Johnstown, PA; Notice of Negative Determination On Reopening**

The Department on its own motion reopened the petition investigation for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on August 14, 2001, and published in the **Federal Register** on August 23, 2001 (66 FR 44379).

The Department initially denied TAA to workers engaged in the production of steel bar (billets), at Republic Technologies International, Johnstown, Pennsylvania, because criterion (3) of the worker group eligibility requirements of section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. Increased imports did not contribute importantly to declines in sales or production and worker separations.

The petitioner states that an affiliated plant located in Canton, Ohio producing hot rolled steel bars was certified for TAA under TA-W-38,782. The petitioner further states that these two facilities are identical, owned and operated by the same corporation and also supply the same customers.

The billets produced at the Johnstown facility are not like and directly competitive with hot rolled steel bars produced at the Canton plant. In fact, the subject plant shipped virtually all (a negligible amount went to the Canton, Ohio plant) billet production to an affiliated plant located in Lackawanna, New York to be rolled into hot rolled steel bars. The Lackawanna, New York facility was not under any TAA certification during the relevant period. The Canton certification was based on outside customers increasing their reliance on hot rolled steel bars, not billets.

Although the Canton and Johnstown plants are operated by the same