

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.

NAFTA-TAA-05513; Cook

Technologies, Inc., Green Lane, PA
NAFTA-TAA-05551; Froedtert Malting,
A Div. Of International Malting Co.,
LLC, Milwaukee, WI

NAFTA-TAA-05845; Hale Products,
Inc., St. Joseph, TN

NAFTA-TAA-06002; Burlington
Chemical Co., Burlington, NC

NAFTA-TAA-06007; Schneider Mills,
Alexander Mills Plant, Forest City,
NC

NAFTA-TAA-06029; T and T Land and
Timber, Inc., Rexford, MT

NAFTA-TAA-06087; International
Paper, Corinth, NY

NAFTA-TAA-06067; Ericsson, Inc.,
Lynchburg, VA

NAFTA-TAA-06100; Pacific Crest
Lumber Co., Inc., Winlock, WA

The investigation revealed that the criteria for eligibility have not been met for the reasons specified.

The investigation revealed that workers of the subject firm did not produce an article within the meaning of Section 250(a) of the Trade Act, as amended.

NAFTA-TAA-06092; Levcor
International, New York, NY

The investigation revealed that criteria (1) has not been met. A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm or an appropriate subdivision (including workers in any agricultural firm or appropriate sub-division thereof) did not become totally or partially separated from employment.

NAFTA-TAA-05606; Cooper-Standard
Automotive, Fairview
Manufacturing Facility, Fairview,
MI

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NAFTA-TAA-06094; L.G. Philips
Displays, Ottawa, OH: April 3,
2001.

NAFTA-TAA-06140; Louisville Ladder
Group LLC, Louisville, KY: April 18,
2001.

NAFTA-TAA-05707; Hunter Sadler,
Tupelo, MS: September 29, 2001.

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were

issued during the month of May and June, 2002. Copies of these determinations are available for inspection in Room C-5311, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210 during normal business hours or will be mailed to persons who write to the above address.

Dated: June 13, 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade, Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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Agere Systems, Orlando, FL; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application received April 25, 2002, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Local Union 2000, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility for workers and former workers of the subject firm to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The denial notice was signed on March 11, 2002 and published in the **Federal Register** on March 29, 2002 (67 FR 15225).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

- (1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;
- (2) if it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or
- (3) if in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a mis-interpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The TAA petition filed on behalf of workers at Agere Systems, Orlando, Florida engaged in the production of wafers for integrated circuits, 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 subject firm did not import wafers. The subject firm primarily produced wafers for export.

The IBEW requests administrative reconsideration based on the fact that

the wafers produced by the subject plant are shipped to foreign sources, then produced into computer chips and a portion of those foreign produced computer chips are then imported back to the United States

Imports "like or directly competitive" with what the subject plant produced must "contribute importantly" to the layoffs at the subject firm. Therefore, the scenario as presented by the petitioner relating to the subject plant's wafer production being exported to Asia, produced into computer chips and then imported back to the United States does not meet the eligibility requirements of the Trade Act of 1974. The product produced by the subject firm, a wafer (which includes the circuit) is not "like or directly competitive" with a finished integrated circuit, such as a computer chip.

The IBEW further indicates that the subject plant produced the same product as TAA certified plants at Agere Systems, Integrated Circuits, Reading, Pennsylvania (TA-W-39,437) and the Integrated Circuits Division, Allentown, Pennsylvania (TA-W-39,449).

A review and further clarification from the company shows that a meaningful portion of the products produced at the Pennsylvania plants were finished integrated circuits, not the wafers (with circuits) as produced by the subject plant. The Pennsylvania plants served a different customer base than the subject plant. The wafers (with circuits) are not like or directly competitive with the finished products produced at the Pennsylvania facilities. The subject plant's wafer production is not integrated into the TAA certified Pennsylvania plants' production. Therefore, the "contributed importantly" criterion is not met.

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 6th day of June, 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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