DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–55,898]

Glenshaw Glass Company, Glenshaw, PA; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application of January 20, 2005, the Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers International Union, Locals 134 and 76, 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 December 1, 2004. The Notice of determination was published in the Federal Register on December 22, 2004 (69 FR 76785).

The petitioner asserts that the workers produce bottles, cans, and containers during the relevant period. The company, and conducted another, more extensive customer survey regarding purchases of steel wire for automotive control cables during 2002, 2003, and 2004. A careful review of the record confirms that the subject company’s inability to secure raw materials was a determining factor for the plant closure in July 2004.

Additional information provided by the company official revealed that the subject company had a group of smaller customers who decreased purchases during the investigatory period. A survey of those customers revealed no imports of steel wire for automotive control cables during the relevant period.

An investigation for ATAA certification eligibility was not conducted because the workers are not certified for TAA.

Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Kokoku Wire Industries, South Bend, Indiana.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of February 2005.

Elliott S. Kushner,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA–W–55,408]

Kokoku Wire Industries, South Bend, IN; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On December 7, 2004, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The Department’s Notice of determination was published in the Federal Register on December 20, 2004 (69 FR 76016).

The Department initially denied Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) to workers of Kokoku Wire Industries, South Bend, Indiana (“Kokoku Wire”) because the “contributed importantly” and shift of production. The Department also denied Alternate Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) to workers since the workers were not certified eligible for TAA.

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner alleged that the subject’s major customers increased import purchases during the relevant time period.

During the reconsideration investigation, the Department carefully reviewed the record, requested additional information from the subject company, and conducted another, more extensive customer survey regarding purchases of steel wire for automotive control cables during 2002, 2003, January through August 2003 and January through August 2004.

A careful review of the record confirms that the subject company’s inability to secure raw materials was a determining factor for the plant closure in July 2004.

Additional information provided by the company official revealed that the subject company had a group of smaller customers who decreased purchases during the investigatory period. A survey of those customers revealed no imports of steel wire for automotive control cables during the relevant period.

An investigation for ATAA certification eligibility was not conducted because the workers are not certified for TAA.

Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Kokoku Wire Industries, South Bend, Indiana.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of February 2005.

Elliott S. Kushner,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA–W–55,742]

Rock-Tenn Company, Otsego, MI; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On January 25, 2005, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application on Reconsideration applicable to workers
and former workers of the subject firm. The notice will soon be published in the Federal Register.

The previous investigation initiated on October 6, 2004, resulted in a negative determination issued on November 8, 2004, based on the finding that imports of paperboard rolls did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject firm and no shift of production to a foreign source occurred. The denial notice was published in the Federal Register on December 9, 2004 (69 FR 71428).

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner provided additional information regarding subject firm’s customers. Upon further review, it was revealed that the Department did not request a list of declining domestic customers during the initial investigation due to the understanding that the subject firm produced paperboard rolls to satisfy the in-house demand.

Having conducted a detailed investigation on reconsideration, it was established that the subject firm supplied a number of affiliated facilities with low-density paperboard. The Department surveyed these facilities as customers of the subject firm. It was revealed that the major declining customer absolutely increased its imports of low-density paperboard in the relevant period. The imports accounted for a meaningful portion of the subject plant’s lost sales and production.

In accordance with section 246 the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced at Rock-Tenn Company, Otsego, Michigan, contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers at the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Rock-Tenn Company, Otsego, Michigan, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 29, 2003 through two years from the date of this certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 4th day of February 2005.

Elliott S. Kushner, Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA–W–52, 517]

Solutia, Inc. Nylon Business Unit Including Leased Workers of Kelly Services Austin Industrial and The Mundy Companies Decatur AL; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on September 22, 2003, applicable to workers of Solutia, Inc., Nylon Business Unit, including leased workers of Kelly Services and Austin Industrial, Decatur, Alabama. The notice was published in Federal Register on November 6, 2003 (68 FR 62834).

At the request of a company official, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information provided by the company shows that workers of The Mundy Companies were leased to Solutia, Inc., Nylon Business Unit. Solutia, Inc., produces produce acrylic fibers and chemicals at its Decatur, Georgia plant.

Based on this new information, the Department is amending the certification to include leased workers of The Mundy Companies engaged in activities related to the production of working at Solutia, Inc., Nylon Business Unit, Decatur, Alabama.

The intent of the Department’s certification is to include all workers of Solutia, Inc., Nylon Business Unit, who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–52, 517 is hereby issued as follows:

Workers of Solutia, Inc., Nylon Business Unit, including leased workers of Kelly Services, Austin Industrial and The Mundy Companies, Decatur, Alabama, engaged in employment related to the production of acrylic fibers, Decatur, Alabama, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 5, 2002, through September 22, 2003, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Dated: Signed at Washington, DC, this 11th day of February 2005.

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

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Steelcase, Inc. Including Leased Workers Of RCM Technologies Grand Rapids, MI; Amended Revised Determination Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) and section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor issued an Amended Revised Determination on Reconsideration Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on March 30, 2004, applicable to workers of Steelcase, Inc., located in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The revised determination was amended to include employees of RCM Technologies working at the subject firm. The notice was published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2004 (69 FR 20646–20647).

At the request of the State Agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers produce office furniture and furniture parts.

The review shows that the Department inadvertently erred in setting the expiration date at December 11, 2005. The correct expiration date is October 14, 2005, two years after the issuance of the initial certification for