DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–56,172]

Cooper-Atkins Corporation, Including Leased Workers of Wal-Staf Staffing Agency, Gainesville, FL; Amended Certification 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) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on January 13, 2005, applicable to workers of Cooper-Atkins Corporation, Gainesville, Florida. The notice was published in the Federal Register on February 7, 2005 (70 FR 6460).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information provided by the company shows that leased workers of Wal-Staf Staffing Agency were employed at Cooper-Atkins Corporation to produce thermocouple thermometers at the Gainesville, Florida location of the subject firm.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include leased workers of Wal-Staf Staffing Agency, Gainesville, Florida employed at Cooper-Atkins Corporation, Gainesville, Florida.

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

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–56,172 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Cooper-Atkins Corporation, Gainesville, Florida including leased workers of Wal-Staf Staffing Agency, Gainesville engaged in employment related to the production of thermocouple thermometers at Cooper-Atkins Corporation, Gainesville, Florida, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 6, 2003, through January 13, 2007, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 and are also eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 9th day of February, 2005.

Richard Church,
Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA–W–55,848]

Crotty Corporation, Quincy, MI; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

By letter dated December 16, 2004, a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department’s Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance applicable to the workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on December 1, 2004, based on the finding that the workers of the subject facility did not supply a component part to a trade certified firm, because the articles produced by the petitioning worker group were finished products, and not component parts of articles that were the basis for certification of the primarily affected firm. Moreover, imports of automotive sun visors did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject plant, and no shift of production to a foreign source occurred. The denial notice was published in the Federal Register on December 22, 2004 (69 FR 76785).

To support the request for reconsideration, the petitioner supplied additional information indicating that although the subject firm had lost a contract to produce a specific model line of sun visors to a major customer in Mexico, the firm actually produces the sun visors in Mexico.

Upon further review and contact with the subject firm and the major customer, it was revealed that when the original bid survey was conducted, the major customer did not know that the winning bidder was producing the sun visors in Mexico. New information confirms that said sun visors are now being produced in Mexico and imported to the U.S. for delivery to the customer.

The investigation further revealed that there were declines in sales, production, and employment at the subject facility during the relevant period, and the loss of this contract accounted for a meaningful portion of the subject facility’s lost sales and production.

In accordance with section 246 of 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 subject division 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 Crotty Corporation, Quincy, 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 Crotty Corporation, Quincy, Michigan, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 22, 2004, are eligible to apply for trade 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 14th day of February, 2005.

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

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