DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–61,867]

Non-Metallic Components, Inc., Rib Lake, Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

On November 8, 2007, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application on Reconsideration applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The notice was published in the Federal Register on November 16, 2007 (72 FR 64685).

The previous investigation initiated on July 24, 2007, resulted in a negative determination issued on September 19, 2007, based on the finding that imports of custom injection molded plastic parts did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject firm and no shift in production to countries that are Party to a Free Trade Agreements with the United States or beneficiary countries occurred. The denial notice was published in the Federal Register on October 3, 2007 (72 FR 56385).

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner provided additional information regarding the subject firm’s declining customers.

Based on the new information, the Department conducted a survey of a major declining customer regarding its purchases of like or directly competitive products with plastic parts manufactured by the subject firm. The survey revealed that the major declining customer increased imports of plastic parts during the relevant period.

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 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 Non-Metallic Components, Inc., Rib Lake, Wisconsin, 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 Non-Metallic Components, Inc., Rib Lake, Wisconsin, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 18, 2006, 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 30th day of November 2007.

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

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Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 (“the Act”) and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than December 21, 2007.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than December 21, 2007.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C–5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 4th day of December 2007.

Ralph Dibattista,
Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.