

Signed at Washington, DC, this 17th day of October 2008.

**Richard Church,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-63,139, TA-W-63,139D]

**Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center a Subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings d/b/a Engineered Polymer Solutions: High Point, NC; Including an Employee of Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center a Subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings d/b/a Engineered Polymer Solutions: High Point, NC Working Out of Lafayette, IN; 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), and Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on June 20, 2008, applicable to workers of Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center, a subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings, d/b/a/ Engineered Polymer Solutions, High Point, North Carolina. The notice was published in the *Federal Register* on July 14, 2008 (73 FR 40388).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of wood coatings (paints, lacquers, and stains).

New information shows that a worker separation has occurred involving an employee (Mr. Reginald Gallant) working out of Lafayette, Indiana, in support of and under the control of the High Point, North Carolina, location of Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center, a subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings, d/b/a/ Engineered Polymer Solutions.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include an employee in support of the High Point, North

Carolina, facility of the subject firm working out of Lafayette, Indiana.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center, a subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings, d/b/a Engineered Polymer Solutions, High Point, North Carolina, who qualify as secondarily affected by increased imports of wood coatings (paints, lacquers, and stains).

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-63,139 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center, a subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings, High Point, North Carolina, (TA-W-63,139), including an employee in support of Valspar-Furniture Sales Group & International Color Design Center, a subsidiary of Valspar Global Wood Coatings, High Point, North Carolina, working in Lafayette, Indiana (TA-W-63,139D), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 6, 2007, through June 20, 2010, 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 21st day of October 2008.

**Elliott S. Kushner,**

*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

**Notice of a Change in Status of an Extended Benefit (EB) Period for Rhode Island**

**AGENCY:** Employment and Training Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a change in benefit period eligibility under the EB Program for Rhode Island.

The following change has occurred since the publication of the last notice regarding the State's EB status:

- Effective October 21, 2008, Rhode Island's 3-month seasonally adjusted total unemployment rate rose to 8.4 percent, exceeding the 8 percent threshold. This causes the State to be triggered "on" to a high unemployment period (HUP) in the EB program period beginning November 9, 2008.

## Information for Claimants

The duration of benefits payable in the EB Program, and the terms and conditions on which they are payable, are governed by the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970, as amended, and the operating instructions issued to the states by the U.S. Department of Labor. In the case of a state beginning a HUP period, the State Workforce Agency will furnish a written notice of potential entitlement to each individual who may be eligible for increased benefits due to the HUP (20 CFR 615.13 (c) (1)). Persons who wish to inquire about their rights under the program, should contact their state workforce agency.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Gibbons, U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration, Office of Workforce Security, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Frances Perkins Bldg. Room S-4231, Washington, DC 20210, telephone number (202) 693-3008 (this is not a toll-free number) or by e-mail: [gibbons.scott@dol.gov](mailto:gibbons.scott@dol.gov).

Signed in Washington, DC, this 28th day of October 2008.

**Brent R. Orrell,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

**Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) number and alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) by (TA-W) number issued during the period of *October 13 through October 17, 2008*.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made for workers of a primary firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(a) of the Act must be met.

I. Section (a)(2)(A) all of the following must be satisfied:

A. A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm, or

an appropriate subdivision of the firm, have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

B. The sales or production, or both, of such firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely; and

C. Increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by such firm or subdivision have contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in sales or production of such firm or subdivision; or

II. Section (a)(2)(B) both of the following must be satisfied:

A. A significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision of the firm, have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

B. There has been a shift in production by such workers' firm or subdivision to a foreign country of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced by such firm or subdivision; and

C. One of the following must be satisfied:

1. The country to which the workers' firm has shifted production of the articles is a party to a free trade agreement with the United States;

2. The country to which the workers' firm has shifted production of the articles to a beneficiary country under the Andean Trade Preference Act, African Growth and Opportunity Act, or the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act; or

3. There has been or is likely to be an increase in imports of articles that are like or directly competitive with articles which are or were produced by such firm or subdivision.

Also, in order for an affirmative determination to be made for secondarily affected workers of a firm and a certification issued regarding eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222(b) of the Act must be met.

(1) Significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm or an appropriate subdivision of the firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;

(2) The workers' firm (or subdivision) is a supplier or downstream producer to a firm (or subdivision) that employed a group of workers who received a certification of eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance benefits and such supply or production is related to

the article that was the basis for such certification; and

(3) Either—

(A) The workers' firm is a supplier and the component parts it supplied for the firm (or subdivision) described in paragraph (2) accounted for at least 20 percent of the production or sales of the workers' firm; or

(B) A loss or business by the workers' firm with the firm (or subdivision) described in paragraph (2) contributed importantly to the workers' separation or threat of separation.

In order for the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for older workers, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act must be met.

1. Whether a significant number of workers in the workers' firm are 50 years of age or older.

2. Whether the workers in the workers' firm possess skills that are not easily transferable.

3. The competitive conditions within the workers' industry (i.e., conditions within the industry are adverse).

#### **Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

The following certifications have been issued. The date following the company name and location of each determination references the impact date for all workers of such determination.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(a)(2)(A) (increased imports) of the Trade Act have been met.

*None.*

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(a)(2)(B) (shift in production) of the Trade Act have been met.

*None.*

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(b) (supplier to a firm whose workers are certified eligible to apply for TAA) of the Trade Act have been met.

*None.*

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(b) (downstream producer for a firm whose workers are certified eligible to apply for TAA based on increased imports from or a shift in production to Mexico or Canada) of the Trade Act have been met.

*None.*

#### **Affirmative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

The following certifications have been issued. The date following the company name and location of each determination references the impact date for all workers of such determination.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of section 222(a)(2)(A) (increased imports) and section 246(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act have been met.

*TA-W-63,991; Woodside-United Acquisition, LLC, d/b/a United Steel and Wire Company, Battle Creek, MI: September 4, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,113; Capel, Inc., Troy, NC: September 11, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,178; Elbeco Incorporated, City Shirt Company Division, Frackville, PA: September 7, 2008.*

*TA-W-64,179; Elbeco Incorporated, Galion Manufacturing Div., Galion, OH: October 6, 2007.*

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of section 222(a)(2)(B) (shift in production) and Section 246(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act have been met.

*TA-W-63,949; Casco Group, Inc., Cerritos, CA: August 25, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,056; Remy International, Inc. Co., World Wide Automotive, Winchester, VA: September 11, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,135; Panasonic Electronic Devices Corporation of America, Knoxville, TN: September 29, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,137; Electro Scientific Industries, Inc., Operations Group, Portland, OR: September 22, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,162; Rock-Tenn Company, Baltimore, MD: September 22, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,168; Dynamic Cooking Systems, Inc., Fisher & Paykel Appliances, Huntington Beach, CA: September 26, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,181; Autoliv, Inc., Steering Wheel Group, Molding Dept., Time Customized, Columbia City, IN: October 6, 2007.*

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(b) (supplier to a firm whose workers are certified eligible to apply for TAA) and Section 246(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act have been met.

*TA-W-64,108A; American Fibers and Yarns Company, Afton, VA: September 24, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,108B; American Fibers and Yarns Company, Bainbridge, GA: September 24, 2007.*

*TA-W-64,108; American Fibers and Yarns Company, Chapel Hill, NC: September 24, 2007.*

TA-W-64,121; GE Consumer and Industrial, Cleveland, OH: September 25, 2007.

The following certifications have been issued. The requirements of Section 222(b) (downstream producer for a firm whose workers are certified eligible to apply for TAA based on increased imports from or a shift in production to Mexico or Canada) and Section 246(a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act have been met.

None.

**Negative Determinations for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

In the following cases, it has been determined that the requirements of 246(a)(3)(A)(ii) have not been met for the reasons specified.

The Department has determined that criterion (1) of Section 246 has not been met. The firm does not have a significant number of workers 50 years of age or older.

None.

The Department has determined that criterion (2) of Section 246 has not been met. Workers at the firm possess skills that are easily transferable.

None.

The Department has determined that criterion (3) of Section 246 has not been met. Competition conditions within the workers' industry are not adverse.

None.

**Negative Determinations for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance**

In the following cases, the investigation revealed that the eligibility criteria for worker adjustment assistance have not been met for the reasons specified.

Because the workers of the firm are not eligible to apply for TAA, the workers cannot be certified eligible for ATAA.

The investigation revealed that criteria (a)(2)(A)(I.A.) and (a)(2)(B)(II.A.) (employment decline) have not been met.

None.

The investigation revealed that criteria (a)(2)(A)(I.B.) (Sales or production, or both, did not decline)

and (a)(2)(B)(II.B.) (shift in production to a foreign country) have not been met.

None.

The investigation revealed that criteria (a)(2)(A)(I.C.) (increased imports) and (a)(2)(B)(II.B.) (shift in production to a foreign country) have not been met.

TA-W-64,000; Northwood Manufacturing, La Grande, OR. TA-W-64,173; Ellen Tracy, A Subsidiary of Liz Claiborne, Inc., New York, NY.

The workers' firm does not produce an article as required for certification under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

TA-W-64,084; Adobe Air, Inc., Phoenix, AZ.

The investigation revealed that criteria of section 222(b)(2) has not been met. The workers' firm (or subdivision) is not a supplier to or a downstream producer for a firm whose workers were certified eligible to apply for TAA.

None.

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the period of *October 13 through October 17, 2008*. 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: October 28, 2008.

**Erin Fitzgerald,**

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employment and Training Administration**

**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 November 13, 2008.

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 November 13, 2008. 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 23rd day of October 2008.

**Erin Fitzgerald,**

*Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

**APPENDIX**

TAA petitions instituted between 10/14/08 and 10/17/08

TA-W	Subject firm (petitioners)	Location	Date of institution	Date of petition
64210	JDS Uniphase (Comp)	Louisville, CO	10/14/08	10/13/08
64211	Tarkett Alabama, Inc. (Comp)	Florence, AL	10/14/08	10/10/08
64212	BAE Systems-Product Group (Comp)	Central Lake, MI	10/14/08	10/01/08
64213	Stanley Fastening Systems, L.P. (Comp)	East Greenwich, RI	10/14/08	10/10/08
64214	KDH Defense Systems (Wkrs)	Carmichaels, PA	10/14/08	10/10/08