workforce official (“I started to work for M&L Manufacturing, Inc. on August of 1990, but for some reason and without notification I started to receive my checks in 2005 under the name of The Jewelry Stream * * * I was under the impression that I had worked for the same company from 1990 to 2008.”)

The Department has carefully reviewed the request for reconsideration and the existing record, and has determined that the Department will conduct further investigation to determine if the petitioning workers (the newly clarified worker group, The Jewelry Stream, Los Angeles, California) meet the eligibility requirements of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the U.S. Department of Labor’s prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 10th day of November, 2010.

Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–74,549]

Algonac Cast Products, Inc., Algonac, MI; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated October 25, 2010, a worker requested administrative reconsideration of the negative determination regarding workers’ eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) applicable to workers and former workers of Algonac Cast Products, Inc., Algonac, Michigan (subject firm). The determination was issued on September 24, 2010. The Department’s Notice of Determination was published in the Federal Register on October 8, 2010 (75 FR 62427). The workers are engaged in activities related to the production of marine hardware (i.e. rudders, struts, stuffing boxes, rudder arm, rudder support, rudder clevis, etc.) and are not separately identifiable by article produced.

The negative determination was based on the Department’s findings that the subject firm did not import or shift their production of marine hardware to a foreign country during the relevant period; that the customers did not increase their reliance on imported marine hardware while concurrently decreasing their purchases from the subject firm; that worker separations or threats of separation were not related to an increase in imports of marine hardware; and that the workers did not produce an article that was incorporated in the production of an article by a firm whose workers were certified eligible to apply for TAA.

The request for reconsideration alleged that a lost bid with Sea Ray Boats Corporation contributed importantly to worker separations at the subject firm.

The Department has carefully reviewed the request for reconsideration and the existing record, and has determined that the Department will conduct further investigation to determine if the petitioning workers meet the eligibility requirements of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Conclusion

After careful review of the application, I conclude that the claim is of sufficient weight to justify reconsideration of the U.S. Department of Labor’s prior decision. The application is, therefore, granted.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs

Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Proposed Extension of Existing Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the Office of Workers’ Compensation (OWCP) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed collection: Pre-Hearing Statement (LS–18). A copy of the proposed information collection request can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the address section of this Notice.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the addresses section below on or before January 24, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Mr. Vincent Alvarez, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Room S–3201, Washington, DC 20210, telephone (202) 693–0372, fax (202) 693–1378, e-mail Alvarez.Vincent@dol.gov. Please use only one method of transmission for comments (mail, fax, or e-mail).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers’ Compensation Act. The Act provides benefits to workers injured in maritime employment on the navigable waters of the United States or in an adjoining area customarily used by an employer in loading, unloading, repairing, or building a vessel. In addition, several acts extend the Longshore Act’s coverage to certain other employees.

Title 20, CFR 702.317 provides for the referral of claims under the Longshore Act for formal hearings. This Section provides that before a case is transferred to the Office of Administrative Law Judges the district director shall furnish each of the parties or their representatives with a copy of a pre-hearing statement form. Each party shall, within 21 days after receipt of each form, complete it and return it to the district director. Upon receipt of the forms, the district director, after checking them for completeness and after any further conferences that, in his/her opinion, are warranted, shall transmit them to the Office of the Chief Administrative Law Judge with all available evidence which the parties intend to submit at the hearing. This information collection is currently approved for use through March 31, 2011.

II. Review Focus: The Department of Labor is particularly interested in comments which:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the