requirements under Section 222(a) and (c) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a) and (c), have not been met. 29 CFR 90.2 states that a significant number or proportion of the workers means at least three workers in a firm (or appropriate subdivision thereof) with a workforce of fewer than 50 workers, or five percent of the workers or 50 workers, whichever is less, in a workforce of 50 or more workers.

Although the Department was able to confirm separations at the Itasca, Illinois facility, the number or proportion of workers totally or partially separated, or threatened with such separation, at Enesco, LLC, Itasca, Illinois, does not meet the regulatory definition.

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 Enesco, LLC, Itasca, Illinois (TA–W–73,479A).

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 2nd day of May, 2011.
Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration
[TA–W–72,971]

ASC Machine Tools, Inc., Spokane Valley, WA; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration

On October 7, 2010, the Department of Labor issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of ASC Machine Tools, Inc., Spokane Valley, Washington (the subject firm). The Department's Notice was published in the Federal Register on October 25, 2010 (75 FR 65516). The workers produce custom-order metal cutting machinery used to form and cut metal, including assembled equipment, component parts of equipment, and spare parts. Workers are not separately identifiable by article produced.

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c), reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

(1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;

(2) If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or

(3) If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the finding that the subject firm sales decline was due to loss of export sales of foreign customers' bids to competitors outside the United States. The initial investigation also revealed decreased aggregate imports of metal cutting equipment during the relevant period, and that the subject firm is not a supplier or downstream producer for any firm that employed a worker group eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA).

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, District Lodge 751, in the request for reconsideration, alleges increased imports from Sen Fung Rollform Machinery Corporation in Taiwan and Metform International in Canada. The request for reconsideration also articulates the concern that "the affected workers are being penalized due to the inconsistent customer base of the company" and requests that aggregate import data during 2007 and 2008 be considered.

During the reconsideration investigation, the Department received information that confirmed that Sen Fung Rollform Machinery Corporation in Taiwan and Metform International in Canada are competitors of the subject firm and not customers, as inferred in the request for reconsideration. As such, the Department did not conduct a bid survey in regard to the aforementioned companies.

In regard to the request that aggregate import data be considered for 2007 and 2008, the Department can not consider data for this period because it is outside of the relevant period under investigation.

29 CFR 90.2 states that increased imports means that imports have increased either absolutely or relative to domestic production compared to a representative base period. The representative base period shall be one year consisting of the four quarters immediately preceding the date which is twelve months prior to the date of the petition.

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 ASC Machine Tools, Inc., Spokane Valley, Washington.

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 2nd day of May, 2011.

Del Min Amy Chen,
Certifying Officer, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.
Algonac, Michigan, who are engaged in employment related to the production of marine hardware, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

All workers of Algonac Cast Products, Inc., Algonac, Michigan, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 18, 2009, through two years from the date of this revised certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of May, 2011.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[A-TA-W–72,029]


On October 7, 2010, the Department issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, a Subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, Saline Plant Division, Saline, Michigan (subject firm) to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The Department’s Notice was published in the Federal Register on October 25, 2010 (75 FR 65514). The workers are engaged in employment related to the production of interior automotive component parts. The worker group includes workers whose wages were reported under Ford Company, Visteon, MSX International, W.J. O’Neil Company, and Unibar.

New information provided by subject firm officials, the United Automobile, Aerospace, and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (UAW), Local 1124, and the State of Michigan workforce officials, revealed that workers and former workers of the subject firm, including workers whose wages were reported under Ford Company, Visteon, MSX International, W.J. O’Neil Company, and Unibar, meet the certification criteria.

During the reconsideration investigation, the Department received additional information regarding the subject firm’s staffing arrangements with Ford Company and Visteon and how the Saline, Michigan facility operated in conjunction with affiliated production facilities, including those that have employed worker groups eligible to apply for TAA.

Criterion I has been met because a significant number or proportion of workers at the subject firm were totally separated.

Criterion II has been met because sales and production of interior automotive component parts at the subject firm decreased absolutely during the relevant period.

Criterion III has been met because imports of articles like or directly competitive with the interior automotive component parts produced by Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, a Subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, Saline Plant Division, Saline, Michigan, increased during the relevant period and contributed importantly to worker separations at the Saline, Michigan facility.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I determine that workers and former workers of Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, a Subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, Saline Plant Division, Saline, Michigan, who are engaged in employment related to the production of interior automotive component parts, meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272(a).

In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273, I make the following certification:

All workers of Automotive Components Holdings, LLC, a Subsidiary of Ford Motor Company, Saline Plant Division, including workers whose wages were reported under Ford Company, Visteon, MSX International, W.J. O’Neil Company, and Unibar, Saline, Michigan, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 13, 2008, through two years from the date of this revised certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 2nd day of May, 2011.

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

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–74,897]

Penske Logistics LLC, a Subsidiary of General Electric/Penske Corporation Including On-Site Leased Workers From Kelly Temporary Services and Manpower El Paso, TX; Notice of Termination of Investigation

On March 18, 2011, the Department issued a Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration applicable to workers and former workers of Penske Logistics LLC, a subsidiary of General Electric/Penske Corporation, El Paso, Texas (subject firm). The Department’s Notice was published in the Federal Register on March 29, 2011 (76 FR 17447). The workers are engaged in employment related to the supply of customer service functions.

The negative determination was based on the findings that the subject firm did not shift to/acquire from a foreign country services like or directly competitive with the customer services supplied; that the workers’ separation, or threat of separation, was not due to an increase in imports of like or directly competitive services; and that the workers were not eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) as adversely-affected secondary workers.

On January 31, 2011, the three workers who filed the request for reconsideration filed a petition for TAA on behalf of the same worker group (TA–W–75,158). A certification applicable to the worker group covered by TA–W–75,158 (including on-site leased workers of Kelly Temporary Services and Manpower) was issued on February 23, 2011. The Department’s Notice of Determination (TA–W–75,158) was published in the Federal Register on March 10, 2011 (76 FR 13233).

Further investigation on administrative reconsideration would serve no purpose; therefore, the immediate investigation is terminated.