The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the findings that there was no increase in imports of refined petroleum products by Sunoco, Inc., or its customer, nor was there a shift in production to a foreign country or acquisition of production from a foreign country by the workers’ firm. In addition, U.S. aggregate imports of like or directly competitive articles did not increase during the relevant period.

The request for reconsideration alleged that the worker separations at the subject facilities are related to increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with the refined petroleum products produced by the subject firm, and that, while the initial investigation revealed that U.S. aggregate imports of refined petroleum products decreased during the relevant period, the Department did not compare domestic production to U.S. imports of like or directly competitive articles.

Information obtained during the reconsideration investigation confirmed that there was no increase in imports by Sunoco, Inc., or its customer, nor was there a shift in production to a foreign country or acquisition of production from a foreign country by the workers’ firm. In addition, additional research conducted during the reconsideration investigation revealed that U.S. aggregate imports of like or directly competitive articles did not increase relative to domestic production during the relevant period.

With respect to Section 222(a)(2)(B) of the Act, the investigation revealed that the workers’ firm did not shift the production of refined petroleum products, or a like or directly competitive article, to a foreign country or acquire the production of refined petroleum products, or a like or directly competitive article, from a foreign country.

Conclusion

After careful review, I determine that the requirements of Section 222 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2272, have not been met and, therefore, deny the petition for group eligibility of Sunoco, Inc., R&M, Refining Division, Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania (TA–W–81,145), and Sunoco, Inc., Lester, Pennsylvania (TA–W–81,145A), to apply for adjustment assistance, in accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. 2273.

Signed in Washington, DC, on this 23rd day of July 2012.

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

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