

NAFTA-TAA-03026; *Mowad Apparel, Inc., El Paso, TX: March 15, 1998.*

NAFTA-TAA-03025; *Standard Motor Products, Inc., Federal Parts Div., Dallas, TX: March 8, 1998.*

NAFTA-TAA-03057; *The Hirsch Co., Div. Of Steel Works, Inc., Skokie, IL: March 25, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-02894; *Phoenix Industries, McAlester, OK: January 27, 1998.*

NAFTA-TAA-02947; *Harman International, McGregor Loudspeaker Manufacturing, Prairie du Chen, WI: February 23, 1998.*

NAFTA-TAA-03045; *Edwards Systems Technology, Pittsfield, ME: March 26, 1998.*

NAFTA-TAA-02923; *Mayflower Manufacturing Co., Old Forge, PA: February 5, 1998.*

NAFTA-TAA-02959; *Edinburg Manufacturing Co., a/k/a Waxahachie Garment Co., Edinburg, TX and Weslaco Operations, a/k/a Weslaco Cutting Center, a/k/a Bowie Manufacturing, a/k/a Haggard Clothing Co., Weslaco, TX: February 22, 1999.*

NAFTA-TAA-02969; *General Electric Co., Morrison, IL: March 5, 1998.*

I hereby certify that the aforementioned determinations were issued during the months of April and May, 1999. Copies of these determinations are available for inspection in Room C-4318, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210 during normal business hours or will be mailed to persons who write to the above address.

Dated: May 10, 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-34,968]

#### **FirstMiss Steel, Inc. Hollsopple, Pennsylvania; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration**

On April 5, 1999, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The petitioner presented evidence that the Department's survey of customers of FirstMiss Steel, Inc. was incomplete.

The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on April 27, 1999 (64 FR 22650).

The Department initially denied TAA to workers of FirstMiss Steel, Inc. producing steel products because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of Section 222(3) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The investigation revealed that the majority of the customers responding to a customer survey reported no increase in import purchases of steel ingot and bars during the relevant time period (1997 to 1998).

The petitioners requesting reconsideration also cited that stainless steel in 1998 is one of the products being dumped by foreign countries into the U.S. market place at levels significantly above 1997 levels. During the course of a TAA petition investigation to determine worker group eligibility, the Department does not conduct an industry study, but limits its investigation to the impact of articles like or directly competitive with the products produced and sold by the workers' firm.

On reconsideration, the Department conducted further survey of FirstMiss Steel's major declining customers. The majority of respondents reported no increase in reliance on import purchases of steel ingots, bars and billets while decreasing purchases from the subject firm.

#### **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 FirstMiss Steel, Inc., Hollsopple, Pennsylvania.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of May 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35, 322]

#### **International Paper Corporation, Containerboard Division, Gardiner, Oregon; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By letter of March 8, 1999, petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of

Labor's Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance applicable to workers of the subject firm.

The petitioners present evidence that the Department's customer survey analysis was incomplete.

#### **Conclusion**

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

Signed at Washington, DC, this 12th day of May 1999.

**Grant D. Beale**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,467]

#### **Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Port Allegany, PA Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration**

By application dated April 5, 1999, the American Flint Glass Workers Union (AFGWU), AFL-CIO, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility for workers and former workers of the subject firm to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The denial notice applicable to workers of Corning Pittsburgh Corporation located in Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, was signed on March 9, 1999, and published in the Federal Register on April 6, 1999 (64 FR 16752).

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 negative determination issued by the Department on behalf of workers of the subject firm in Port Allegany, Pennsylvania, was based on the finding

that the "contributed importantly" test of the worker group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met for workers at Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Port Allegany, Pennsylvania producing glass blocks. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of the workers' firm's customers. The Department of Labor surveyed the major declining customers of the subject firm regarding their purchases of glass blocks. None of the respondents increased their import purchases of glass blocks while decreasing their purchases from the subject firm.

The AFGWU asserts that increased imports of articles directly competitive with articles produced by Pittsburgh Corning has contributed to worker separations at the Port Allegany plant. Further, the aggregate import of the products by competitive firms has greatly contributed to worker separations.

Glass blocks are not separately identifiable in official trade statistics classified in the U.S. International Trade Commission, Harmonized Tariff Schedules. Therefore, in order to determine if criterion (3) of worker group eligibility requirements was met, the Department relied on the survey of customers of the subject firm to determine if imports "contributed importantly" to worker separations.

### Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 11th day of May 1999.

**Grant D. Beale,**

*Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

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

**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 (PRA95) (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 Employment and Training Administration (ETA) is soliciting comments concerning the proposed revision of the ETA 2112 report: Financial Transaction Summary.

A copy of the proposed information collection request (ICR) can be obtained by contacting the office listed below in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

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 functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including responses through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted to the office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below on or before July 20, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** James E. Herbert, Unemployment Insurance Service, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room C-4514, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210; 202-219-5653 x 380 (this is not a toll-free number); jherbert@doleta.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### I. Background

The ETA 2112 Report, OMB No. 1205-0154, collects, in summary form, totals of all financial transactions affecting the status of each State's account in the Unemployment Trust Fund (UTF) for the month reported. The transactions include receipts, disbursements, adjustments, and fund balances. The ETA uses report data to monitor UTF funds flows, to identify excessive drawdowns from the UTF, which may cause loss of interest to the UTF, and to record transaction information in the Unemployment Insurance Database and the UTF subsidiary to the Departmental General Ledger. The transaction information is used to compile the annual departmental consolidated financial statements. ETA also uses information on the ETA 2112 for research and actuarial projects: generating statistics on the UI program, projecting benefit financing requirements, and analyzing the solvency of the UTF. That information is used by States, other Federal Agencies, and research groups to manage and analyze UTF activities. Additionally, the ETA uses ETA 2112 information for reviewing proposed State and Federal UI laws, especially pertaining to benefit financing issues, and to monitor State activities conducted under Title IX of the Social Security Act (Reed Act).

It is necessary to revise the ETA 2112 format and instructions to accommodate the reporting of the following changes:

- States may now make reimbursements of Combined Wage Claims (CWC) through the Unemployment Trust Fund Accounting Systems (UTFAS), replacing the old system of issuing a check directly to the State billing for reimbursement.
- States may transfer to the Internal Revenue Service the amounts withheld for Federal income tax purposes from benefit payments directly through the UTFAS.

• In FY 1999 there was a distribution of Reed Act money under section 903 of the Social Security Act. This was the first distribution since FY 1958. The existing ETA 2112, developed long after that distribution, does not provide report cells for new distributions.

Because of these events, the ETA has decided to rewrite the ETA 2112 to include new cells in the report, and to revise reporting instructions accordingly.

### II. Current Actions

This action is required to update the ETA 2112 to capture information on financial transactions not available in