DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-63,943]

Dana Holding Corporation, Sealing Products Group, Including On-Site Temporary Agency Workers from Pomeroy, Paris, TN; 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 November 3, 2008, applicable to workers of Dana Holding Corporation, Sealing Products Group, Paris, Tennessee. The notice was published in the Federal Register on November 25, 2008 (73 FR 71696).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers produce composite covers and rubber gaskets for the automotive industry.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the subject firm adversely affected by the shift in production of rubber gaskets to Mexico.

New information shows that temporary agency workers from Pomeroy were employed on-site at the Paris, Tennessee, location of Dana Holding Corporation, Sealing Products Group. The Department has determined that these workers were sufficiently under the control of the subject firm.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include temporary agency employees of Pomeroy working on-site at the subject firm.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–63,943 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Dana Holding Corporation, Sealing Products Group, Paris, Tennessee, including on-site temporary agency workers from Pomeroy, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 27, 2007 through November 3, 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 in Washington, DC, this 5th day of May 2009.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-62,655]

Warp Processing Company, Inc. Exeter, PA; Notice of Revised Determination on Remand

On February 20, 2009, the U.S. Court of International Trade (USCIT) remanded to the U.S. Department of Labor (Department) for further review Former Employees of Warp Processing Company, Inc. v. United States, Court No. 08–00179.

The investigation was initiated on January 10, 2008, by three petitioning workers for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) on behalf of workers and former workers of Warp Processing Company, Inc., Exeter, Pennsylvania (subject firm). The petition stated that the subject firm produced warped synthetic fibers, the subject firm's customers increased imports from a foreign country, and the subject firm supplied component parts for articles produced by firms with currently TAA-certified worker groups. AR 3-5, 7.

The petition also states that the subject firm furloughed forty-seven workers, AR 4,6, and that the imported article are not beamed fibers but "fabric and other finished product." AR 7.

The petition further states that "At Warp Processing we supply the component part for the finished products. We supply our customers with warped synthetic fibers and then they weave it into fabric and material and produce the finished product. Our company is an upstream supplier and/or a downstream producer to a certified primary firm and is *secondarily affected*." AR 7.

The negative determination applicable to the subject workers stated that the subject firm "warped synthetic fibers" and that "Warping is a process by which yarn is placed onto beams for the textile industry." The determination also stated that the subject firm did not import warped synthetic fibers or shift production to a foreign country, the subject firm's major declining customers did not import like or directly

competitive articles, and the subject workers did not qualify as adversely affected secondary workers. The negative determination was signed on February 19, 2008. AR 109–113. The Department's Notice of determination was published in the **Federal Register** on March 7, 2008 (73 FR 12466). AR 126.

In a submission dated March 14, 2008, the petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination, stated that the information received by the Department was erroneous and reasserted that the workers qualify as adversely affected secondary workers. AR 136–139.

Stating that the requirement identified in 29 CFR 90.18 (Reconsideration of determination) was not met, the Department issued a Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration on March 18, 2008. AR 140–143. The Notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 26, 2008 (73 FR 16066).

By letter dated May 16, 2008, Plaintiffs filed a complaint with the USCIT. The Plaintiffs asserted that the subject workers are eligible to apply for TAA as either adversely affected primary workers or adversely affected secondary workers. On February 20, 2009, the USCIT remanded the matter to the Department.

To apply for worker adjustment assistance under Section 222(a)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, petitioning workers must meet the following group eligibility requirements:

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; and

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.

The intent of the Department is for a certification to cover all workers of the subject firm or appropriate subdivision who were adversely affected by increased imports of the article produced by the firm or a shift in production of the article, based on the investigation of the TAA/ATAA petition.

For purposes of the Trade Act, a "firm, together with any predecessor or successor-in-interest, or together with

any affiliated firm controlled or substantially beneficially owned by substantially the same persons, may be considered a single firm." 29 CFR 90.2 (definition of "firm")

During the remand investigation, the Department obtained additional information that establishes that although Brawer Bros, Inc. and the subject firm are separate entities, they are controlled by the same owners. Further, because the function performed by Warp Processing Company, Inc. supports the production of knit fabric at Brawer Bros, Inc., the subject workers are engaged in activity related to the production of knit fabric. Therefore, the Department determines that, in the case at hand, the subject firm is "Warp Processing Company, Inc. and Brawer Bros, Inc.," Warp Processing Company, Inc. is an affiliate of the firm, and the article at issue is knit fabric.

A careful review of the administrative record reveals that a significant number or proportion of workers at Warp Processing Company, Inc. has been separated or threatened with separation. Therefore, the Department determines that the first criterion of Section 222(a)(2)(A) has been met.

A careful review of the administrative record reveals that sales and production at Warp Processing Company, Inc. have absolutely declined. Therefore, the Department determines that the second criterion of Section 222(a)(2)(A) has been met.

During the remand investigation, the Department conducted a survey of the subject firm's major declining customers. The survey revealed increased imports during the relevant period of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by the subject firm which contributed importantly to worker separations at Warp Processing Company, Inc. and to the subject firm's sales/production declines. Therefore, the Department determines that the third criterion of Section 222(a)(2)(A) has been met.

Based on the above information, the Department determines that the petitioning workers are eligible to apply for TAA and, therefore, it is moot whether or not the workers are eligible to apply for TAA as adversely affected secondary workers.

In accordance with Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 USC 2813), as amended, the Department herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA. The Department has determined in this case that the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at Warp Processing Company, Inc. are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the knit fabric industry are adverse.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts developed in the remand investigation, I determine that there was a separation of a significant number or proportion of workers at the subject firm or appropriate subdivision, that there were subject firm sales and production declines, and that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with knit fabric produced by the subject firm contributed importantly to the subject firm's declines and the workers' separations.

In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Warp Processing Company, Inc., Exeter, Pennsylvania, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 9, 2007, through two years from this revised determination, are eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, and are eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 1st day of May 2009.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-64,647]

Trane US, Inc., Residential Systems Division, Tyler, TX; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated March 20, 2009, the International Union of Electronics, Electrical, Salaried Machine and Furniture Workers (IUE), AFL–CIO, Local 86782 requested administrative reconsideration of the negative determination regarding workers' eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The determination was issued on February 13, 2009. The Notice of Determination

was published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 2009 (74 FR 9279).

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the finding that imports of air conditioning units did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject firm. The investigation revealed that the subject firm did not shift production of air conditioning units to foreign countries during the period under investigation.

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner alleged that the workers of the subject firm manufactured components for air conditioners and that the subject firm shifted production of these components to Mexico during the relevant period. The petitioner also alleged that the subject firm has shifted production to China and that there was an increase in imports of air conditioning units from China.

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 workers meet the eligibility requirements of the Trade Act of 1974.

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 1st day of May 2009.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

TA-W-64,643

Chrysler LLC, Headquarters, Including On-Site Leased Workers from Aerotek, Ajilon, Argos, Bartech Group, CDI Information Services, Computer Consultants of America, Inc., Computer Engrg Services, Epitec Group, Inc., GTECH Professional