

conducted for the initial investigation was limited to those customers purchasing coated and uncoated paper used to make business forms. Other findings on reconsideration show that prior to the closure of Boise Cascade's Paper Division in Vancouver, various paper products accounted for the primary output at the plant. Company officials supplied the Department a list of customers accounting for the sales decline at the subject plant. New findings show that some customers reported increased import purchases of paper products from Mexico and Canada (both direct and indirect) in 1995 compared to 1994, and in January through September 1996 compared to the same time period of 1995. Sales, production and employment declined during the relevant period.

### Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles from Canada and Mexico like or directly competitive with paper products, contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers of Boise Cascade Corporation, Paper Division, Vancouver, Washington. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Boise Cascade Corporation, Paper Division, Vancouver, Washington who become totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 9, 1995, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed in Washington, DC this 27th day of May 1997.

**Russell T. Kile,**

*Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01370 and NAFTA-1370A]

#### JH Collectibles; Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment

Assistance on February 12, 1997, applicable to all workers of JH Collectibles located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on March 12, 1997 (62 FR 11474).

At the request of the State Agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers provide support services related to the production of women's clothing. Information provided by the State agency shows that worker separations have occurred at the Pigeon Forge location of the subject firm. The workers provide support services related to the production of women's clothing. Based on this information, the Department is amending the worker certification to include the Pigeon Forge location of JH Collectibles.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of the subject firm who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01370 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of JH Collectibles, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (NAFTA-01370) and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee (NAFTA-01370), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 22, 1995, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 23rd day of May 1997.

**Russell T. Kile,**

*Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01110 & 01110A]

#### Jolie Handbag, Incorporated; Hialeah, Florida and Laredo, Texas; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974 as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on July 26, 1996 applicable to all workers of Jolie Handbag, Incorporated in Hialeah, Florida. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 26, 1996 (61 FR 43792).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations occurred at Jolie Handbag's Laredo, Texas facility when it closed during April, 1997. The workers were engaged in employment related to the production of ladies' handbags.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to cover workers at the subject firms' Laredo, Texas location.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Jolie Handbag who were adversely affected by increased imports from Mexico or Canada.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01110 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Jolie Handbag, Hialeah, Florida (NAFTA-01110), and Laredo, Texas (NAFTA-01110A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 11, 1995, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 22d day of May, 1997.

**Russell T. Kile,**

*Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-01405]

#### McDonnell Douglas, Long Beach, California; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of February 6, 1997, counsel for United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America, Local 148, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply to NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-01405) for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on January 23, 1997, and published in the **Federal Register** on February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6804).

The petitioner presents evidence that the subject firm increased reliance on subcontractors for the production of insulation blankets in Mexico and slat track assembly in Canada.

**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, D.C. this 22nd day of May 1997.

**Russell T. Kile,**

*Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration**

[NAFTA-01556]

**Siebe, Incorporated a/k/a Ranco North America a/k/a Ranco Industries a/k/a Rantrol, Incorporated Quality Control Department Brownsville, Texas; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 250(A), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on April 8, 1997, applicable to all workers of Ranco North America, A/K/A Siebe, Incorporated, Quality Control division, Brownsville, Texas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 2, 1997 (62 FR 24136).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of temperature and pressure controls. The investigation findings show that Siebe, Incorporated is the parent firm of Ranco North America. Findings also show that workers separated from employment at Ranco North America had their wages reported under four separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax accounts, Siebe, Incorporated, Ranco North America, Ranco Industries, and Rantrol, Incorporated. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to reflect this matter.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01556 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of Siebe, Incorporated, also known as Ranco North America, also known as Ranco Industries, also known as Rantrol, Incorporated, Quality Control Department, Brownsville, Texas, who became totally or

partially separated from employment on or after March 7, 1996, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

Signed at Washington, DC this 22nd day of May, 1997.

**Russell T. Kile,**

*Program Manager, Policy and Reemployment Services Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-24; Exemption Application No. D-10253]

**Grant of Individual Exemption for The Retirement Plan for Salaried and Certain Hourly Employees of Keebler Company**

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Department of Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of technical correction.

On May 20, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** at 61 FR 27621 a notice of exemption containing a typographical error. On page 27622, column 3, in the first full paragraph that begins, "A third commenter \* \* \*," the last sentence therein should be revised to read, "As of December 31, 1996, the Property, which is the Plan's sole real estate investment, represented 0.66% [not 66%] of the Plan's assets."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Karin Weng of the Department, telephone (202) 219-8881. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of June, 1997.

**Ivan L. Strasfeld,**

*Director, Office of Exemption Determinations, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration**

**Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-30; Exemption Application No. D-10345, et al.]**

**Grant of Individual Exemptions; Washington National Retirement Plan**

**AGENCY:** Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Grant of individual exemptions.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains exemptions issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code).

Notices were published in the **Federal Register** of the pendency before the Department of proposals to grant such exemptions. The notices set forth a summary of facts and representations contained in each application for exemption and referred interested persons to the respective applications for a complete statement of the facts and representations. The applications have been available for public inspection at the Department in Washington, D.C. The notices also invited interested persons to submit comments on the requested exemptions to the Department. In addition the notices stated that any interested person might submit a written request that a public hearing be held (where appropriate). The applicants have represented that they have complied with the requirements of the notification to interested persons. No public comments and no requests for a hearing, unless otherwise stated, were received by the Department.

The notices of proposed exemption were issued and the exemptions are being granted solely by the Department because, effective December 31, 1978, section 102 of Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1978 (43 FR 47713, October 17, 1978) transferred the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to issue exemptions of the type proposed to the Secretary of Labor.

**Statutory Findings**

In accordance with section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990) and based upon the entire record, the Department makes the following findings:

- (a) The exemptions are administratively feasible;
- (b) They are in the interests of the plans and their participants and beneficiaries; and
- (c) They are protective of the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the plans.

**Washington National Retirement Plan (the Plan) Located in Lincolnshire, IL**

[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 97-30; Exemption Application No. D-10345]

**Exemption**

The restrictions of sections 406(a), 406 (b)(1) and (b)(2) of the Act and the