

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration**

[TA-W-33,670]

Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow Plant Winslow, ME; Including Leased Workers of Northeast Laboratories, Winslow, ME; Including Workers of Guards-Mark, Boston, MA and Valmet Audiomotion, Westbrook, ME; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on August 27, 1997, applicable to all workers of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow Plant located in Winslow, Maine. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1997 (62 FR 51152).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers produce bath tissue. New information provided by the State shows that some workers separated from employment at Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow Plant, Winslow, Maine had their wages reported under two separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax accounts, at Guards-Mark, Boston, Massachusetts and Valmet Audiomotion, Westbrook, Maine. Workers from Guards-Mark provided security detail for the Winslow, Maine facility. Workers from Valmet Audiomotion provided computer support services to the Winslow Maine facility of Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Worker separations occurred at Guards-Mark and Valmet Audiomotion as a result of worker separations at Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Kimberly-Clark Corporation adversely affected by imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-33,670 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, located in Winslow, Maine, and leased workers of Northeast Laboratories, Winslow, Maine engaged in employment related to environmental testing for the production of bath tissue produced by the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation located in Winslow, Maine and all workers of Guards-

Mark, Boston, Massachusetts that provided security detail for the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow, Maine and all workers of Valmet Audiomotion, Westbrook, Maine that provided computer support services for the production of bath tissue produced by the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow, Maine who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 23, 1996 through August 27, 1999 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 20th day of March, 1998.

Grant D. Beal,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
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[TA-W-34,100]

L.A. Manufacturing, Incorporated, Livingston, Tennessee; Notice of Revised Determination on Reopening

On January 20, 1998, the Department issued a Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance, applicable to workers and former workers of L.A. Manufacturing, Incorporated, located in Livingston, Tennessee. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on February 18, 1998 (63 FR 8210).

By letter of February 11, 1998, the company requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's denial of trade adjustment assistance for workers of the subject firm. Based on new information provided by L.A. Manufacturing officials, the Department reopened the petition investigation.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the finding that the "contributed importantly" test of the Group Eligibility Requirements of the Trade Act was not met for workers at the subject firm. The workers produce ladies' and men's denim jeans.

Sales and employment at L.A. Manufacturing declined from 1995 to 1996.

On reopening, a review of United States imports of men's trousers, slacks, jeans and pants, reveals that imports increased absolutely and relative to domestic shipments from 1995 to 1996 and in the twelve months through September 1997 compared to the twelve months through September 1996. The ratio of imports to domestic shipments

(I./S.) was more than 100 percent in the twelve months ending September 1997.

United States imports of women's and girls' slacks and shorts increased absolutely and relative to domestic shipments from 1995 to 1996; the I./S. ratio was more than 100 percent. Imports continued to increase in the twelve months through September 1997 compared to the same time period a year earlier; the I./S. ratio is not available but is estimated to be more than 100 percent.

Conclusion

After careful consideration of the new facts obtained on reopening, it is concluded that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with jeans produced by the subject firm contributed importantly to the decline in sales and to the total or partial separation of workers of the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act of 1974, I make the following revised determination:

All workers of L.A. Manufacturing, Incorporated, Livingston, Tennessee, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after December 5, 1996, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 20th day of March 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
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[NAFTA-01801]

Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow Plant, Winslow, ME; Including Leased Workers of Northeast Laboratories, Winslow, ME; Including Workers of Guards-Mark, Boston, MA and Valmet Audiomotion, Westbrook, ME; 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 U.S.C. 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on August 27, 1997, applicable to all workers of the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, located in Winslow, Maine.

The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 30, 1997 (62 FR 32376).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers produce bath tissue. New information provided by the State shows that some workers separated from employment at Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow Plant, Winslow, Maine had their wages reported under two separate unemployment insurance (UI) tax accounts, at Guards-Mark, Boston, Massachusetts and Valmet Audiomotion, Westbrook, Maine. Workers from Guards-Mark provided security detail for the Winslow, Maine facility. Workers from Valmet Audiomotion provided computer support services to the Winslow Maine facility of Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Worker separations occurred at Guards-Mark and Valmet Audiomotion as a result of worker separations at Kimberly-Clark Corporation.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to reflect this matter.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Kimberly-Clark Corporation adversely affected by imports from Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA-01801 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, located in Winslow, Maine, and leased workers of Northeast Laboratories, Winslow, Maine engaged in employment related to environmental testing for the production of bath tissue produced by the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation located in Winslow, Maine and all workers of Guards-Mark, Boston, Massachusetts that provided security detail for the Winslow Plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow, Maine and all workers of Valmet Audiomotion, Westbrook, Maine that provided computer support services for the production of bath tissue produced by the Winslow, Maine plant of Kimberly-Clark Corporation, Winslow, Maine who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 7, 1996 through August 27, 1999 are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 20th day of March, 1998.

Grant D. Beale,

Acting Director, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

[Application No. L-09583, et al.]

Proposed Exemptions; U S West, Inc.

AGENCY: Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Labor.

ACTION: Notice of proposed exemptions.

SUMMARY: This document contains notices of pendency before the Department of Labor (the Department) of proposed exemptions 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).

Written Comments and Hearing Requests

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments or request for a hearing on the pending exemptions, unless otherwise stated in the Notice of Proposed Exemption, on or before May 15, 1998. Comments and requests for a hearing should state: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the person making the comment or request, and (2) the nature of the person's interest in the exemption and the manner in which the person would be adversely affected by the exemption. A request for a hearing must also state the issues to be addressed and include a general description of the evidence to be presented at the hearing.

ADDRESSES: All written comments and request for a hearing (at least three copies) should be sent to the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, Office of Exemption Determinations, Room N-5649, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. Attention: Application No. _____, stated in each Notice of Proposed Exemption. The applications for exemption and the comments received will be available for public inspection in the Public Documents Room of Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5507, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

Notice to Interested Persons

Notice of the proposed exemptions will be provided to all interested persons in the manner agreed upon by the applicant and the Department within 15 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. Such notice shall include a copy of the notice of proposed exemption as published in the **Federal Register** and shall inform

interested persons of their right to comment and to request a hearing (where appropriate).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed exemptions were requested in applications filed pursuant to section 408(a) of the Act and/or section 4975(c)(2) of the Code, and in accordance with procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990). 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 requested to the Secretary of Labor. Therefore, these notices of proposed exemption are issued solely by the Department.

The applications contain representations with regard to the proposed exemptions which are summarized below. Interested persons are referred to the applications on file with the Department for a complete statement of the facts and representations.

U S WEST, Inc. Located in Englewood, Colorado

[Application No. L-09583]

Proposed Exemption

The Department is considering granting an exemption under the authority of section 408(a) of the Act and section 4975(c)(2) of the Code and in accordance with the procedures set forth in 29 CFR Part 2570, Subpart B (55 FR 32836, 32847, August 10, 1990).

Section I—Transactions Involving Contributions In-Kind

If the exemption is granted, effective March 31, 1994, the restrictions of sections 406(a)(1)(E), 407(a)(2), 406(b)(1), and 406(b)(2) of the Act shall not apply to voluntary contributions in-kind by U S WEST, Inc. and/or its affiliates (U S WEST) of certain shares of publicly traded common stock of U S WEST (the Stock) and/or any replacement publicly traded shares of such Stock to certain trusts (the Trusts or Trust) for the purpose of pre-funding post-retirement welfare benefits under one or more employee welfare benefit plans (the Plan or Plans) maintained by U S WEST, provided that:

- (a) the Plan provisions explicitly authorize U S WEST to pre-fund benefits through in-kind contributions of Stock, and all contributions of Stock have been and will be made in conformity with such Plan provisions;
- (b) neither the Plans nor the Trusts have paid nor will pay, whether in cash or in other property or in a diminution