

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

[TA-W-53,146]

**Metforming Technologies/Northern Tube, Pinconning, MI; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration**

By letter dated January 23, 2004, the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace & Agricultural Implement Workers of America—UAW, requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to the workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on November 12, 2003. The Department initially denied TAA to workers of Metforming Technologies/Northern Tube, Pinconning, Michigan producing fabricated metal tubing because the "contributed importantly" group eligibility requirement of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, was not met. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2003 (68 FR 74977).

In the request for reconsideration, the petitioner indicated that the subject firm should be considered on the basis of a secondary upstream supplier impact. Upon further review, it was revealed that the Department erred in its initial investigation, as secondary impact was indicated on the petition.

Having conducted an investigation of subject firm workers on the basis of secondary impact, it was revealed that Metforming Technologies/Northern Tube, Pinconning, Michigan supplied component parts for class 8 trucks, and a loss of business with a manufacturer (whose workers were certified eligible to apply for adjustment assistance) contributed importantly to the workers separation or threat of separation.

In accordance with Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the

requirements of Section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

**Conclusion**

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of Metforming Technologies/Northern Tube, Pinconning, Michigan qualify as adversely affected secondary workers under Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Metforming Technologies/Northern Tube, Pinconning, Michigan who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 26, 2002 through two years from the date of certification are eligible to apply for 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 2nd day of March 2004.

**Elliott S. Kushner,***Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**Ramseur Interlock Knitting Company, Inc., Ramseur, NC; Notice of Revised Determination On Reopening**

On February 26, 2004, the Department, on its own motion, reopened its investigation for the former workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation was initiated on January 20, 2004, and resulted in a negative determination issued on February 11, 2004. The investigation findings showed that the company did not shift production to a foreign country, nor did the company or customers increase imports of knitted apparel fabrics. Consequently, the Department issued a negative determination of eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance (TAA) and alternative trade adjustment assistance (ATAA). The notice was signed on February 11, 2004, and will soon be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Department has obtained new information showing that the subject firm lost a significant amount of business with apparel manufacturers whose workers were certified eligible for TAA, and the loss of business contributed importantly to worker separations at the Ramseur, North Carolina plant.

Furthermore, the Department has determined in this case that the requirements of section 246 have been met.

A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

**Conclusion**

After careful consideration of the facts obtained on reopening, I determine that workers of Ramseur Interlock Knitting Company, Inc., Ramseur, North Carolina, qualify as adversely affected secondary workers under section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974.

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

All workers of Ramseur Interlock Knitting Company, Inc., Ramseur, North Carolina, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 15, 2003, through two years from the date of certification, 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, as amended.

Signed in Washington, DC, this 27th day of February 2004.

**Linda G. Poole,***Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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**BILLING CODE 4510-30-P****DEPARTMENT OF LABOR****Employment and Training Administration****Investigations Regarding Certifications of Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to section 221(a) of the Act.