

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

[TA-W-64,083]

**American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit Manufacturing Complex, Holbrook Avenue and Saint Aubin, Detroit, MI; 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 24, 2008, applicable to all workers of American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit Manufacturing Complex, Detroit, Michigan. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 10, 2008 (73 FR 75137).

In response to a petition filed by a State agency representative on behalf of workers producing auto parts at American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit Forge Plant, 8435 Saint Aubin, Detroit, Michigan (TA-W-64,742), the Department reviewed the certification for workers of American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit Manufacturing Complex, Detroit, Michigan (TA-W-64,083).

The review shows that the address for the Detroit Complex is 1840 Holbrook Avenue and is comprised of multiple plants producing drive train components, including axle, steering linkage, and other metal-formed products. Two of the firm's sites, Saint Aubin and Holbrook Avenue, merged in 2007. When these locations were merged, the Holbrook address became the primary address for the multiple plants in the Detroit Complex.

The Department is amending the certification to clarify that the certification is to cover all workers of American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit Manufacturing Complex, including those workers in forge and non-forge plants at Saint Aubin and Holbrook Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-64,083 is hereby issued as follows:

"All workers of American Axle & Manufacturing, Detroit Manufacturing Complex, Saint Aubin and Holbrook Avenue, Detroit, Michigan, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 16, 2007 through November

24, 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 8th day of January 2009.

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*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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[TA-W-63,897]

**IAC Canton, Inc., a Subsidiary of International Automotive Components Group North America, Inc., Canton, OH; Notice of Negative Determination on Reconsideration**

On November 6, 2008, the Department issued an Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration for the workers and former workers of the subject firm. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on November 13, 2008 (73 FR 67207).

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination based on the finding that imports of rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject firm and no shift of production to a foreign source occurred.

The petitioner alleged that the subject firm has been moving the dash insulator equipment to Canada and requested that an investigation of a shift in production to Canada be undertaken.

The Department of Labor contacted a company official to verify this information. The company official stated that no production of rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats and no equipment have been moved from the subject facility to Canada. The company official also provided a statement that the production was shifted from the subject facility to Springfield, Tennessee.

The petitioner further alleges that production at the subject firm has been negatively impacted by increase in sales of imported vehicles. The petitioner concludes that because rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats are used to manufacture vehicles and sales and production of rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats at the subject firm have been negatively impacted by increasing presence of

foreign imports of vehicles on the market, workers of the subject firm should be eligible for TAA.

In order to establish import impact, the Department must consider imports that are like or directly competitive with those produced at the subject firm. The Department conducted a survey of the subject firm's major declining customer regarding its purchases of rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats. The survey revealed that the declining customer did not import rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats in 2006, 2007 and during January through July 2008.

Imports of vehicles cannot be considered like or directly competitive with rubber sheets, dash insulators, and rubber floor mats produced by IAC Canton, Inc., Canton, Ohio, and imports of vehicles are not relevant in this investigation.

Whether the subject firm's customers were import impacted is relevant to a determination of whether subject firm workers are eligible for TAA based on the subject firm being a secondary upstream supplier of a trade certified primary firm. For certification on the basis of the workers' firm being a secondary upstream supplier, the subject firm must produce component parts of an article that was the basis for a TAA certification of customer(s) during the relevant period.

The Department conducted a further investigation and determined that none of the customers of the subject firm was certified eligible for TAA during the relevant period.

**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 IAC Canton, Inc., a subsidiary of International Automotive Components Group, North America, Inc., Canton, Ohio.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 9th day of January 2009.

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