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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-40,827]

Argus International, Inc., Including Leased Workers of ADP Total Source, Medley, FL; 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 U.S. Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on May 2, 2002, applicable to workers of Argus International, Inc., Medley, Florida. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 17, 2002 (67 FR 35143).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information provided by the State shows that leased workers of ADP Total Source were employed at Argus International, Inc. to produce ladies', men's and children's apparel at the Medley, Florida location of the subject firm.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending the certification to include leased workers of ADP Total Source producing ladies', men's and children's apparel at the Medley, Florida location of the subject firm.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Argus International, Inc. who were adversely affected by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-40,827 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Argus International, Inc., Medley, Florida, including leased workers of ADP Total Source engaged in employment related to the production of ladies', men's and children's apparel at Argus International, Inc., Medley, Florida, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after January 7, 2001, through May 2, 2004, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington DC this 25th day of July, 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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[TA-W-41,274]

Azon Corporation, Johnson City, NY; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application postmarked July 2, 2002, a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility for workers and former workers of the subject firm to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The denial notice applicable to workers of Azon Corporation, Johnson City, New York was issued on May 31, 2002, and was published in the **Federal Register** on June 21, 2002 (67 FR 42285).

Pursuant to 29 CFR 90.18(c) reconsideration may be granted under the following circumstances:

- (1) If it appears on the basis of facts not previously considered that the determination complained of was erroneous;
- (2) If it appears that the determination complained of was based on a mistake in the determination of facts not previously considered; or
- (3) If in the opinion of the Certifying Officer, a mis-interpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The investigation revealed that criterion (3) of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met. The "contributed importantly" test is generally demonstrated through a survey of customers of the workers' firm. The survey revealed that none of the respondents imported coated and converted paper and film during the relevant period. The investigation further revealed that the company did not import products like or directly competitive with coated and converted paper and film during the relevant period.

The request for reconsideration claims a major customer switched from buying from the subject firm in favor of purchasing products like or directly competitive with what the subject plant produced from a competitor that was headquartered in the Netherlands.

A review of data supplied during the initial investigation shows that the specified competitor was in fact headquartered in the Netherlands. However, the products sold by the competitor were produced in the United States. Therefore, the fact that the company was headquartered in the

Netherlands is not relevant, since the competitor did not import the products back to the United States during the relevant period.

Conclusion

After review of the application and investigative findings, I conclude that there has been no error or misinterpretation of the law or of the facts which would justify reconsideration of the Department of Labor's prior decision. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 26th day of July 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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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.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Title II, Chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than August 19, 2002.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, at the address shown below, not later than August 19, 2002.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of