Notice of Interim Assignment of Departmental Duties Retained Following Congressional Action With Respect to the Elimination of the Office of the American Workplace

By memorandum effective June 16, 1996, I have delegated authority and assigned responsibility to John Kotch, Deputy Assistant Secretary, for performing all of the following duties prescribed under Secretary's Orders 2–93, 58 FR 42578, and 2–95, 60 FR 13602:

(1) The Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, as amended, 29 U.S.C. 401 *et seq.*;

(2) Section 701 (Standards of Conduct for Labor Organizations) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 7120;

(3) Section 1017 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980, 22 U.S.C. 4117;

(4) Section 1209 of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, 30 U.S.C. 1209;

(5) The employee protection provisions of the Federal Transit law, as codified at 49 U.S.C. 5333(b) and related provisions;

(6) Section 405(a), (b), (c), and (e) of the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970, 45 U.S.C. 565(a), (b), (c), and (e);

(7) Section 43(d) of the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978, repealed and reenacted at 49 U.S.C. 42101–42103; and

(8) Executive Order 12954, March 8, 1995, 60 FR 13023, to the extent that the exercise of authority or responsibilities under this Order is consistent with applicable court decisions.

This notice supersedes my notice published in the Federal Register on May 14, 1996 at 61 FR 24334. I currently anticipate that this delegation of authority will be superseded again at the beginning of fiscal year 1997. Nonetheless, this delegation will remain in effect until a further delegation of these duties, or other notice, is executed by me. Any of the above duties may be redelegated, as appropriate, by him.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 13th day of June 1996.

Robert B. Reich,

Secretary of Labor.

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Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–31,942]

Carter-Wallace, Inc., Trenton, New Jersey; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By an application dated May 10, 1996, the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local No. 514L, requested administrative reconsideration of the subject petition for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). The denial notice was signed on April 5, 1996 and published in the Federal Register on April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18757).

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 misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

Workers at the subject firm were engaged in employment related to the production of condoms. The Union questions why the Department, in making its determination, used corporate wide sales and production at the Trenton, New Jersey production facility, as opposed to limiting the date inquiry to the appropriate subdivision. The Union also claims that the 40% increase in U.S. imports of condoms between 1994 and 1995 contributed importantly to worker separations at Carter-Wallace.

The Department's denial of TAA for worker of Carter-Wallace, Trenton, New Jersey was based on the fact the criteria (2) and (3) of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 were not met. Failure to meet any one of the worker group eligibility requirements is basis for denial.

The Department's findings in the investigation showed that Carter-Wallace made the decision to transfer production from Trenton to another domestic facility. A domestic transfer of production would not provide a basis for certification.

Since layoffs at the subject firm were attributable to a domestic transfer of production, the Department examined corporate-wide sales. Corporate sales and production of condoms increased for the time period relevant to the investigation. Therefore, criterion (2) of the group eligibility requirements is not met.

The Union also raises issues related to foreign ownership of U.S.-based condom manufacturers. Foreign ownership of U.S.-based companies producing articles that are competitive with the condoms produced by Carter-Wallace is irrelevant to this case.

The Union cites that workers of another domestic producer of condoms was certified eligible for TAA benefits. This producer had declining sales, production and employment, and increased its import purchases of condoms, thereby meeting all the certification criteria.

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, D.C., this 5th day of June 1996.

Curtis K. Kooser,

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

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[TA–W–32,268]

Casablanca Fan Company, City of Industry, California; Notice of Termination of Investigation

Pursuant to Section 221 of the Trade Act of 1974, an investigation was initiated on April 29, 1996 in response to a worker petition which was filed on April 29, 1996 on behalf of workers at Casablanca Fan Company, City of Industry, California.

An active certification covering the petitioning group of workers remains in effect (TA–W–32,160). Consequently, further investigation in this case would serve no purpose, and the investigation has been terminated.

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 2nd day of June, 1996.

Russell T. Kile,

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

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[TA–W–32,009]

Chevron Overseas Petroleum, Inc., San Ramon, California; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By an application dated April 5, 1996, the petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the subject petition for trade adjustment assistance (TAA). The denial notice was signed on March 25, 1996 and published in the Federal Register on April 9, 1996 (61 FR 15832).

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 misinterpretation of facts or of the law justified reconsideration of the decision.

The petitioners claim that a factual error contributed to the negative determination. The petitioners claim that the determination states that the petition was filed on behalf of workers at Chevron Overseas Petroleum, Inc. (COPI), and that is incorrect. At the time of their separation, the workers were California-based employees of Chevron USA, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

The Department conducted its factfinding investigation based on information provided by the petitioners on the TAA petition form. The petition was filed with the Department on behalf of workers of Chevron Overseas Petroleum Division of Chevron USA Inc., San Ramon, California. The subject firm is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Chevron Corporation. The investigation findings show that the workers provided support services for international oil and gas production. The workers are not assigned to a domestic operating company producing oil and gas in the United States. The Trade Act of 1974, as amended does not provide worker benefits for loss of employment related to the support of overseas activities.

The petitioners cite the 1988 amendments to the Trade Act—the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act (OTCA), as a basis for certification. Section 1421 (a)(1)(A) of the OTCA amends section 222 of the Trade Act to add certain oil and gas workers as potentially eligible to apply for program benefits under the TAA Program. This was accomplished by adding a new subsection to section 222 which provides that any firm which engages in exploration or drilling for oil or natural gas shall be considered to be a firm producing oil or natural gas and producing articles that are directly competitive with imports of oil and natural gas. This provision does not apply to service workers supporting oil and gas production overseas.

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, D.C., this 4th day of June 1996.

Curtis K. Kooser,

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

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[TA–W–31,718]

Controlled Power Corporation, Canton, Ohio; Notice of Affirmative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By letter of April 17, 1996, the petitioners requested administrative reconsideration of the Department of Labor's Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance for workers of the subject firm. The denial notice was signed on March 20, 1996 and published in the Federal Register on April 3, 1996 (61 FR 14820).

The petitioner presents evidence that the Department's survey of the subject firm's customers was incomplete.

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, DC, this 29th day of May 1996.

Linda Poole,

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

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[TA–W–31,465; TA–W–31,465A]

Cranston Print Works Company, Cranston, Rhode Island, and Cranston Prints Works Company Universal Engravers Division Providence, Rhode Island; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 USC 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Notice of Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on November 30, 1995, applicable to all workers of Cranston Print Works Company located in Cranston, Rhode Island. The Notice was published in the Federal Register on December 12, 1995 (60 FR 63732).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New findings show that worker separations have occurred at the subject firm's Universal Engravers Division in Providence, Rhode Island. The workers at the Universal Engravers Division engrave screen used to print the designs for the printed textile fabrics produced by Cranston Print Works.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Cranston Print Works Company who were adversely affected by increased imports. Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to include all workers of Universal Engravers Division in Providence, Rhode Island.

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–31,465 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Cranston Print Works Company, Cranston, Rhode Island (TA–W–31,465), and Cranston Print Works Company, Universal Engravers Division, Providence, Rhode Island (TA–W–31,465A) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after September 13, 1994 are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 7th day of June 1996.

Curtis K. Kooser,

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

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