

Title: General Inquiries to State Agency Contacts.

OMB Number: 1220-0NEW.

Frequency: As needed.

Affected Public: State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondent: 53.

Estimated Time Per respondent: 40 minutes (average).

Total Burden Hours: 15,762 hours.

Total Annualized capital/startup costs: \$0.

Total annual costs (operating/maintaining systems or purchasing services): \$0.

Description: The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) awards to State Agencies in order to assist them in operating one or more of seven Labor Market Information and/or Occupational Safety and Health Statistics Federal/State cooperative statistical programs. To ensure a timely flow of data and to be able to evaluate and improve the programs it is necessary to conduct ongoing communication between BLS and its State partners dealing with, for example, deliverables, program enhancements, and administrative issues.

Ira L. Mills,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-36,160 AND NAFTA-3127]

Polaroid Corporation Film Manufacturing Division (Integral), R1, R2, and R3 Plants Waltham Massachusetts; Notice of Negative Determination Regarding Application for Reconsideration

By application dated July 18, 1999, a petitioner requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's negative determination regarding eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) and North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA), applicable to workers and former workers of the subject firm. The denial notices were signed June 21, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 20, 1999; the TAA at (64 FR 38920) and the NAFTA-TAA at (64 FR 38922).

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 denial of TAA for workers engaged in activities related to the production of integral film at Polaroid Corporation, Film Manufacturing Division (Integral), R1, R2 and R3 Plants Waltham, Massachusetts, was based on the finding that the "contributed importantly" criterion of the group eligibility requirements of section 222 of the Trade Act of 1974 was not met. The subject firm did not import products similar to that which was produced at the plants during the relevant time period.

The Department's denial of NAFTA-TAA for the same worker group was based on the finding that criteria (3) and (4) of the group eligibility requirements of paragraph (a)(1) of Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. There was no shift in production of integral film from the subject firm to Mexico or Canada, nor were there company imports of like or directly competitive products from Mexico or Canada.

The petitioner asserts that machinery was shifted from the R2 plant production floor in Waltham to Mexico, and adds that the company has ordered semi-automatic assembly machines to be shipped to Mexico. The petitioner acknowledges that the machinery shipped to Mexico will be used to produce a new form of instant film called "Deli Strip." The initial investigation revealed that Deli Strip was being developed in the Waltham plant by temporary workers, not employees of Polaroid Corporation. The decision to produce Deli Strip in Mexico as opposed to Waltham was a corporate decision, and therefore, did not adversely affect workers of the subject firm producing integral film.

The petitioner's second point focuses on their contention that the Department was incorrect in the statement contained in the decision document that there is no competition for the integral film format produced at the subject firm plants. The petitioner asserts that over the years 35mm film has become competitive with integral film. The petitioner states that this being true, a great deal of 35mm film sold in the U.S. is being manufactured overseas by competitors, and that Polaroid is searching for a new plant in China.

There was no evidence that the subject firm is importing products like or directly competitive with integral film produced at the Film manufacturing Division (Integral), R1, R2, and R3 plants in Waltham, Massachusetts.

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 decisions. Accordingly, the application is denied.

Signed at Washington, DC this 8th day of October 1999.

Grant D. Beale,

Program Manager, Office of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-35,040A and TA-W-35,040B]

The Clarks Companies, N.A.; Manufacturing Shoe Plant, Franklin, West Virginia, Hanover, Pennsylvania; 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 October 29, 1998, applicable to workers of The Clarks Companies, N.A., Manufacturing Shoe Plant, Franklin, West Virginia. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 1998 (63 FR 67140).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. New information received by the company shows that worker separations will occur in early 2000 at the Hanover, Pennsylvania location of The Clarks Companies. The Hanover, Pennsylvania location provides administrative support services for the subject firms' production facility in Franklin, West Virginia which is closing in early 2000. The workers are engaged in the production of men's dress and casual shoes.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of The Clarks Companies who were adversely affected by increased imports. Accordingly, the Department is