met. The investigation revealed that the declines in employment are related to a merger of Nestle and Purina companies. Sales at the subject firm increased in 2001 compared with 2000, and also increased during January through December 2002 compared to 2001. The investigation revealed that company did not import cat or dog food in the relevant period, nor did it shift production to a foreign facility.

The union alleges that the subject firm shifted production from the subject facility to two foreign facilities for the purpose of producing like or directly competitive products. The union further alleged that the subject firm trained employees from a foreign facility at the subject firm for the purpose of producing like or directly competitive products.

A company official was contacted in regard to these allegations. The official stated that no production equipment had been shipped from the subject facility to the foreign facilities, and that, although foreign workers had been trained at the subject facility, none of their foreign facilities produced like or directly competitive products. The official further clarified that the company had experienced no declines in sales and production, but had transferred all production to U.S. facilities.

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 15th day of April, 2003.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA–W–50,031]

Saunders Brothers, Inc., Including Temporary Workers of Express Personnel Services and Rock Coast Personnel, Westbrook, Maine; 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 December 3, 2002, applicable to workers of Saunders Brothers, Inc., Westbrook, Maine. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on December 23, 2002 (67 FR 78256).

At the request of the petitioners, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. Information provided by the company shows that temporary workers of Express Personnel Services and Rock Coast Personnel worked at Saunders Brothers, Inc., to produce hardwood dowels, dowel pins, turnings, artist brush handles, and other miscellaneous wood products at the Westbrook, Maine, location of the subject firm.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include temporary workers of Express Personnel Services and Rock Coast Personnel working at Saunders Brothers, Inc., Westbrook, Maine.

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

The amended notice applicable to TA–W–50,031 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Saunders Brothers, Inc., Westbrook, Maine, and temporary workers of Express Personnel Services and Rock Coast Personnel, engaged in producing hardwood dowels, dowel pins, turnings, artist brush handles, and other miscellaneous wood products at Saunders Brothers, Inc., Westbrook, Maine, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after November 7, 2001, through December 3, 2004, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of April 2003.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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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.

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 May 15, 2003.

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 May 5, 2003.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C–5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed in Washington, DC this 31st day of March, 2003.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Trade Adjustment Assistance.