

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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WEYERHAEUSER COMPANY
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK

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 USC 2273), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

In order to make an affirmative determination and issue a certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance, the group eligibility requirements in either paragraph (a)(2)(A) or (a)(2)(B) of Section 222 of the Trade Act must be met. It is determined in this case that the requirements of (a)(2)(A) of Section 222 have been met.

The investigation was initiated on March 30, 2006 in response to a petition filed by a company official on behalf of workers at Weyerhaeuser Company, Elmira Heights, New York. The workers at the subject firm produced corrugated packaging products; they are not separately identifiable by articles produced.

The investigation revealed that sales, production and employment at the subject firm decreased from January through March 2006 over the corresponding 2005 period.

The Department of Labor surveyed the subject firm's major declining customers regarding their purchases corrugated packaging products. The survey revealed increased customer imports from 2004 to 2005 and again during the period of January through March 2006 over the corresponding 2005 period.

In addition, in accordance with Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 USC 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) for older workers.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for ATAA, the group eligibility requirements of Section 246 of the Trade Act must be met. The Department has determined in this case that the requirements of Section 246 have been met.

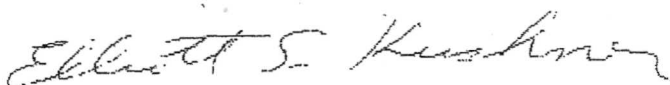
A significant number of workers at the firm are age 50 or over and possess skills that are not easily transferable. Competitive conditions within the industry are adverse.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that an increase in imports of articles like or directly competitive with corrugated packaging products produced at the subject firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of workers and to the decline in sales or production at that firm or subdivision. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Weyerhaeuser Company, Elmira Heights, New York, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 28, 2005 through two years from the date of certification 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, D. C. this 11TH day of May 2006.



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