

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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APPLETON PAPERS, INC.

A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF PAPERWEIGHT DEVELOPMENT CORP.
INCLUDING ON-SITE LEASED WORKERS FROM
METSO PAPER, ABB, ASHLAND, INC., BASE, CARRIER, ELOF HANSSON,
KONE CRANES, SECURITAS, SPEARS TRANSFER & EXPEDITING
WEST CARROLLTON, OHIO

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended ("Act"), 19 U.S.C. § 2273, the Department of Labor herein presents the results of an investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance.

The group eligibility requirements for workers of a firm under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a), are satisfied if the following criteria are met:

(1) a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated; and

(2)(A)(i) the sales or production, or both, of such firm have decreased absolutely; and

(ii)(I) imports of articles or services like or directly competitive with articles produced or services supplied by such firm have increased; and

(iii) the increase in imports described in clause (ii) contributed importantly to such workers' separation or threat of separation and to the decline in the sales or production of such firm.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed on April 19, 2012 by a company official, the United Steelworkers (USW) Local 266, and a state workforce office on behalf of workers of Appleton Papers, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Paperweight Development Corporation, Appleton, Wisconsin (Appleton). The workers' firm is engaged in activities related to the production of basestock. Specifically, the workers produce basestock that is used as a component for Appleton's final products, thermal and carbonless paper. The workers are not separately identifiable. The subject worker group includes on-site leased workers from Metso Paper, ABB, Ashland, Inc., BASF, Carrier, Elof Hansson, Kone Cranes, Securitas, and Spears Transfer & Expediting.

During the course of the investigation, information was collected from the workers' firm and the petitioners.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in such workers' firm have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(i) has been met because the production of articles by Appleton have decreased absolutely.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because company imports of articles like or directly competitive with the articles produced by Appleton have increased.

Finally, Section 222(a)(2)(A)(iii) has been met because increased company imports contributed importantly to the worker group separations and production declines at Appleton.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of Appleton Papers, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Paperweight Development Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Metso Paper, ABB, Ashland, Inc., BASF, Carrier, Elof Hansson, Kone Cranes, Securitas, and Spears Transfer & Expediting, West Carrollton, Ohio, who are engaged in activities related to the production of basestock meet the worker group certification criteria under Section 222(a) of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2272(a). In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, 19 U.S.C. § 2273, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Appleton Papers, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Paperweight Development Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Metso Paper, ABB, Ashland, Inc., BASF, Carrier, Elof Hansson, Kone Cranes, Securitas, and Spears Transfer & Expediting, West Carrollton, Ohio, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after April 16, 2011 through two years from the date of certification, and all workers in the group threatened with total or partial separation from employment on the date of certification through two years from the date of certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Chapter 2 of Title II of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, D.C. this 29th day of May, 2012.



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