

29 CFR 90.2 states that a group means “three or more workers in a firm or an appropriate subdivision thereof” and that a significant number or proportion of the workers means “at least three workers in a firm (or appropriate subdivision thereof) with a work force of fewer than 50 workers.” The regulation also states that “increased imports means that imports have increased either absolutely or relative to domestic production compared to a representative base period. The representative base period shall be one year consisting of the four quarters immediately preceding the date which is twelve months prior to the date of the petition.”

Because the petition date is October 3, 2008, the relevant period (the twelve months prior to the date of the petition) is October 2007 through September 2008 and the representative base period is October 2006 through September 2007.

The Department has carefully reviewed information submitted during the initial and reconsideration investigations. The Department determines that the petition did not cover a valid worker group (the group consisted of only two workers at the subject firm) and that, during relevant period, less than three workers were separated or were threatened with separation from the subject firm.

Based on the information above, the Department determines that the group eligibility requirements under Section 222(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met.

Even if there was a valid worker group and the worker separation threshold was met, the Department would not have issued a certification applicable to the subject worker group.

During the reconsideration investigation, the Department confirmed that the subject firm ceased production in the United States in 2005. The North Carolina facility identified in the request for reconsideration was a marketing office. The Virginia facility identified in the request for reconsideration (Hafner LLC, a subsidiary of Hafner, Inc., Gordonsville, Virginia) was certified on May 16, 2005 (TA-W-57,119) based on a shift of production to Canada.

Because there was no domestic production during the relevant period, the Department determines that there was no domestic production that increased imports could have impacted. Further, the Department determines that there was no shift of production to a foreign country during the relevant period.

In order for the Department to issue a certification of eligibility to apply for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA), the subject worker group must be certified eligible to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). Since the subject workers are denied eligibility to apply for TAA, the workers cannot be certified eligible for ATAA.

Conclusion

After reconsideration, I affirm the original notice of negative determination of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance for workers and former workers of Hafner USA, Inc., New York, New York.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 24th day of February 2009.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[TA-W-61,780]

Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Inc., Including On-Site Leased Workers From Elwood Staffing, Account Temps and PMI, Currently Known as Spartan Staffing Martinsville, IN; Amended 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 U.S.C. 2273), and Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974 (26 U.S.C. 2813), as amended, the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance on July 20, 2007, applicable to workers of Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Inc., Martinsville, Indiana. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 2, 2007 (72 FR 42436).

At the request of the State agency, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers were engaged in the production of automotive speakers.

New information shows that workers leased from Elwood Staffing, Account Temps and PMI, currently known as Spartan Staffing were employed on-site at the Martinsville, Indiana location of Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Inc. The Department has determined that these workers were sufficiently

under the control of Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Inc. to be considered leased workers.

Based on these findings, the Department is amending this certification to include workers leased from Elwood Staffing, Account Temps and PMI, currently known as Spartan Staffing, working on-site at the Martinsville, Indiana location of the subject firm.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers employed at Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Inc. who were adversely affected by a shift in production of automotive speakers to Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-61,780 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Harman/Becker Automotive Systems, Inc., including on-site leased workers from Elwood Staffing, Account Temps and PMI, currently known as Spartan Staffing, Martinsville, Indiana, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 28, 2006 through July 20, 2009, 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 at Washington, DC this 25th day of February 2009.

Elliott S. Kushner,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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Hewlett Packard Inkjet and Web Solutions Division Including On-Site Leased Workers From CDI, Manpower, Securitas Security Services USA, Volt Cable Consultants, D/B/A Black Box Network Services Managed Business Solutions and 888 Consulting Group, Inc., D/B/A TAC Worldside, Corvallis, OR; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

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