

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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THE HARTZ MOUNTAIN CORPORATION
INCLUDING ON-SITE LEASED WORKERS FROM STAFFING RESOURCES
LOGANSPOUR, INDIANA

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 July 31, 2018 by three workers on behalf of workers of The Hartz Mountain Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Staffing Resources, Logansport, Indiana ("Hartz Mountain"). The workers' firm is engaged in activities related to the production of natural dog treats (chew bones and pig ears).

During the course of the investigation, information was collected from the petitioners, the workers' firm, and the major declining customer(s) of the workers' firm.

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 sales and/or production of natural dog treats (chew bones and pig ears) by Hartz Mountain have decreased absolutely.

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

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

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the

investigation, I determine that workers of The Hartz Mountain Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Staffing Resources, Logansport, Indiana, who are engaged in activities related to the production of natural dog treats (chew bones and pig ears) 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 The Hartz Mountain Corporation, including on-site leased workers from Staffing Resources, Logansport, Indiana, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after July 27, 2017 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 9th day of October 2018.

/s/Hope D. Kinglock

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