

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

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WOODCREST MANUFACTURING, INC.  
PERU, 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 May 28, 2019 on behalf of workers and former workers of Woodcrest Manufacturing, Inc., Peru, Indiana (Woodcrest Manufacturing). The workers' firm is engaged in activities related to the production of juvenile wood furniture. The subject worker group does not include on-site leased workers.

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

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers in Woodcrest Manufacturing 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 juvenile wood furniture by Woodcrest Manufacturing have decreased absolutely.

Section 222(a)(2)(A)(ii) has been met because company imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by Woodcrest Manufacturing have increased during the relevant time period when compared to the representative base period.

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

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of Woodcrest Manufacturing, who are engaged in activities related to the production of juvenile wood furniture, 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 Woodcrest Manufacturing, Inc., Peru, Indiana, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 24, 2018 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 28th day of June 2019.

/s/Del Min Amy Chen

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Certifying Officer, Office of  
Trade Adjustment Assistance