

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

TA-W-91,873

APPLEGATE LIVESTOCK EQUIPMENT INC.,
A SUBSIDIARY OF AG GROWTH INTERNATIONAL, INC.,
INCLUDING ON-SITE LEASED WORKERS FROM
PRO RESOURCES, STAFFMARK AND ELWOOD STAFFING
UNION CITY, INDIANA

TA-W-91,873A

APPLEGATE
IDEAL DIVISION
A SUBSIDIARY OF AG GROWTH INTERNATIONAL, INC.
JEFFERSON, IOWA

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;
- (2)(B)(i)(I) there has been a shift by the workers' firm to a foreign country in the production of articles or supply of services like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers' firm; OR

- (II) there has been an acquisition from a foreign country by the workers' firm of articles/services that are like or directly competitive with those produced/supplied by the workers' firm; AND
- (ii) the shift/acquisition must have contributed importantly to the workers' separation or threat of separation.

The investigation was initiated in response to a petition filed on June 2, 2016 on behalf of workers of Applegate Livestock Equipment, Inc., a subsidiary of Ag Growth International, Inc., including on-site leased workers from Pro Resources, Staffmark and Elwood Staffing, Union City, Indiana (TA-W-91,873) and Applegate, Ideal division, a subsidiary of Ag Growth International, Inc., Jefferson, Iowa (TA-W-91,873A), (herein referred to as "Applegate"). The workers' firm is engaged in activities related to the production of livestock equipment including cattle gates, feeders, horse stalls, grain bin sweeps, and galvanized animal water tanks.

During the course of the investigation, information was collected from 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)(B) has been met because the workers' firm has shifted to a foreign country the production of an

article like or directly competitive with the article produced by the workers which contributed importantly to worker group separations at Applegate.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of Applegate Livestock Equipment, Inc., a subsidiary of Ag Growth International, Inc., including on-site leased workers from Pro Resources, Staffmark and Elwood Staffing, Union City, Indiana (TA-W-91,873) and Applegate, Ideal division, a subsidiary of Ag Growth International, Inc., Jefferson, Iowa (TA-W-91,873A), who are engaged in activities related to the production of livestock equipment 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 Applegate Livestock Equipment, Inc., a subsidiary of Ag Growth International, Inc., including on-site leased workers from Pro Resources, Staffmark and Elwood Staffing, Union City, Indiana (TA-W-91,873) and Applegate, Ideal division, a subsidiary of Ag Growth International, Inc., Jefferson, Iowa (TA-W-91,873A), who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 1, 2015 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 17th day of June 2016.

/s/Jacquelyn R. Mendelsohn

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