

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Employment and Training Administration

TA-W-98,301

WORWAG COATINGS, LLC
LAFAYETTE SITE
A WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF PPG INDUSTRIES, INC.
LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Certification Regarding Eligibility
To Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and
Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility To Apply For
Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance

TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

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

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, or an appropriate subdivision of the firm, have become totally or partially separated, or are threatened to become totally or partially separated;
- (2) (B) (i) there has been a shift in production by such workers' firm or subdivision to a foreign country of articles like or directly competitive with articles which are produced by such firm or subdivision; and
 - (ii) (I) the country to which the workers' firm has shifted production of the articles is a party to a free trade agreement with the United States;
 - (II) the country to which the workers' firm has shifted production of the articles is a beneficiary under

the African Growth and Opportunity Act, or the Caribbean Basin Economic Act; or

(III) there has been or is likely to be an increase in imports of articles that are like or directly competitive with articles which are or were produced by such firm or subdivision

The investigation was initiated in response to a Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers (TAA) and Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance (ATAA) petition dated and filed on May 19, 2022, by a State Workforce Office on behalf of workers of Worwag Coatings LLC, Lafayette Site, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPG Industries, Inc., Lafayette, Indiana (hereafter referred to as "Worwag Coatings LLC "). In accordance with 20 CFR 618.110 a worker group is defined as, "...inclusive of teleworkers and staffed workers."

Workers of Worwag Coatings LLC are engaged in activities related to the production of various paints, coatings, and specialty materials used in the automotive industry.

The petition alleges that worker separations, or threats thereof, were due to the shift in production by the workers' firm to a foreign country.

During the course of the investigation, the Department collected information from the petitioner and the workers' firm.

Section 222(a)(1) has been met because a significant number or proportion of the workers at Worwag Coatings LLC 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 partially shifted the production of articles like or directly competitive with those produce at Worwag Coatings LLC to a foreign country that is party to a free trade agreement with the United States.

ALTERNATIVE TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

In accordance with Section 246 the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Act), 19 U.S.C. § 2813, the Department herein presents the results of its investigation regarding certification of eligibility to apply for Alternative Trade Adjustment Assistance for older workers.

The group eligibility requirements for workers of a firm under Section 246 (a)(3)(A)(ii) of the Trade Act are satisfied if the following criteria are met:

- (I) Whether a significant number of workers in the workers' firm are 50 years of age or older;
- (II) Whether the workers in the workers' firm possess skills that are not easily transferable; and
- (III) The competitive conditions within the workers' industry (i.e., conditions within the industry are adverse).


The Department has determined that criterion II has not been met. The investigation revealed the workers at Worwag Coatings LLC do possess skills that are easily transferable.

Conclusion

After careful review of the facts obtained in the investigation, I determine that workers of Worwag Coatings LLC, Lafayette Site, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPG Industries, Inc., Lafayette, Indiana, who are engaged in activities related to the production of various paints, coatings, and specialty materials used in the automotive industry, 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 Worwag Coatings LLC, Lafayette Site, a wholly-owned subsidiary of PPG Industries, Inc., Lafayette, Indiana, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after May 19, 2021, 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, and are not eligible to apply for alternative trade adjustment assistance under Section 246 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended."

Signed in Washington, D. C. this 11th day of June, 2022


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Certifying Officer, Office of
Trade Adjustment Assistance