



Alabama Department of Industrial Relations

News Release

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Alabama Wholesale Sock Employees May Be Eligible For Additional Benefits

MONTGOMERY- Current and former employees of Alabama Wholesale Socks, located in Sylvania, Alabama who were engaged in activities related to the production of socks, may be eligible for benefits under the federal Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 2002. A petition filed on behalf of workers of Alabama Wholesale Sock, in Sylvania, Alabama was certified by the U.S. Department of Labor on July 22, 2011 according to an announcement by G. Thomas Surtees, Director of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

The U. S. Department of Labor found that the workers may have become unemployed as a result of increased imports. The petition covers periods of unemployment occurring on or after June 27, 2010 and before the termination date of July 22, 2013. Under the Trade Adjustment Assistance Act of 2002, displaced workers may be eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits such as training, job search and relocation assistance, and Health Coverage Tax Credit (HCTC). For

additional information on the HCTC, they can call toll free 866-628-HCTC (4282), or visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov (IRS Keyword: HCTC).

If workers have exhausted their cash benefits under other state and federal unemployment compensation programs, they could be eligible for additional weekly benefits equivalent to the amount they were receiving under other programs. In order to receive Trade Readjustment Allowance (TRA) benefits, workers must be enrolled in training eight weeks after the certification date or sixteen weeks after their last qualifying separation or a waiver of the training requirement must be granted by the state Employment Service Division of the Alabama Department of Industrial Relations.

Surtees stated that potentially eligible individuals will be notified individually as soon as they are identified.

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