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Former BIC Corp/BIC Consumer Products Mfg. Co., Inc. Employees Eligible To Apply For Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD, September 4, 2018 – Former employees of BIC Corp/BIC Consumer Products Mfg. Co., Inc., located in Milford, Connecticut, that produced lighters and sub components, were certified on August 17, 2018 as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance.

The Connecticut Labor Department is mailing an eligibility notice regarding the benefits to all affected employees and is providing information on how to apply for benefits. Employees eligible to apply for federal benefits are those who are or will be totally or partially separated from employment due to lack of work on or after July 11, 2017 and on or before August 17, 2020.

Available assistance may include training, income support in the form of Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA), and job search and relocation allowances for qualified workers who seek or obtain employment outside their normal commuting areas. Individuals 50 years of age and older who return to lower-paying work may be eligible to receive Reemployment Trade Adjustment Assistance (RTAA) wage subsidies.

Workers who believe they may qualify, yet do not receive eligibility information are urged to contact their nearest *American Job Center* for information and assistance. Information about federal Trade Adjustment Assistance can be found on the Department of Labor's website at www.ct.gov/dol and entering "Trade Act" in the search bar while those needing to apply for unemployment benefits are reminded that new claims are now filed online at www.filectui.com.

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