



Former East Coast Seafood/Garbo Lobster Employees Eligible To Apply for Trade Act Benefits

WETHERSFIELD, February 15, 2019 – Former employees of East Coast Seafood, LLC, also known as Garbo Lobster, were certified on February 6, 2019 as eligible to apply for federal Trade Adjustment Assistance. The company, located in Groton, provides packing and shipping services.

The Connecticut Labor Department is mailing an eligibility notice regarding available benefits to all affected employees and is providing information on how to apply for these federal benefits. Eligible employees are those who are or will be totally or partially separated from employment due to lack of work on or after January 22, 2018, and on or before February 6, 2021.

Available assistance may include training assistance, 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. Those who need to apply for unemployment benefits are reminded that new claims are filed online at www.fileCTUI.com.

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.

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