

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration**

[TA-W-39,574]

**SGL Carbon Group, Morganton, North
Carolina; Notice of Revised
Determination on Reconsideration**

By letter of November 5, 2001, the International Chemical Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Local 427, requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance, applicable to the workers of the subject firm.

The initial investigation resulted in a negative determination issued on September 21, 2001, based on the finding that imports of graphite electrodes and specialty graphite products did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the subject plant. The denial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 11, 2001 (66 FR 51973).

To support the request for reconsideration, the International Chemical Workers Union, AFL-CIO, Local 427 provided additional information indicating that a sister plant (SGL Carbon Corporation, Carbon and Graphite Unit, Niagara Falls, New York) was certified for TAA. The applicant further stated that the subject plant produced the same products, shared the same customers and conducted interplant shipments with the sister facility.

A review of the allegation and information provided by the company shows that a meaningful portion of subject plant production was in direct support of the SGL Carbon Corporation, Carbon and Graphite Unit, Niagara Falls, New York plant. That facility was certified TA-W-39,053 on August 31, 2001.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that increased imports of articles like or directly competitive with those produced at SGL Carbon Group, Morganton, North Carolina, contributed importantly to the decline in sales or production and to the total or partial separation of workers at the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of SGL Carbon Group, Morganton, North Carolina, who became totally or partially separated from

employment on or after March 29, 2000 through two years from the date of this certification, are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Dated: Signed in Washington, DC this 28th day of February 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,
Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
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[TA-W-38, 811 and TA-W-38, 811b]

**Universal Furniture Limited,
Morristown, and Universal Furniture
Limited Corporate Office, High Point,
NC; Amended Certification Regarding
Eligibility To Apply for Worker
Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2273) the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance on April 30, 2001, applicable to workers of Universal Furniture Limited, Morristown, Tennessee. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on May 18, 2001 (66 FR 27690).

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers were engaged in the production of bedroom and dining room furniture.

Information shows that worker separations occurred at the Corporate Office, High Point, North Carolina location of the subject firm. The workers provide administrative support functions and purchasing for the subject firm's production facilities including Morristown, Tennessee.

Accordingly, the Department is amending the certification to included workers of the Universal Furniture Limited, Corporate Office, High Point, North Carolina.

The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Universal Furniture Limited adversely affect by increased imports.

The amended notice applicable to TA-W-38,811 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Universal Furniture Limited, Morristown, Tennessee (TA-W-38, 811) and Universal Furniture Limited, Corporate Office, High Point, North Carolina (TA-W-38, 811B) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after March 10, 2000, through April 30, 2003,

are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed at Washington, DC this 5th day of March, 2002.

Linda G. Poole,

Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Investigations Regarding Certifications
of Eligibility To Apply for Worker
Adjustment Assistance**

Petitions have been filed with the Secretary of Labor under Section 221(a) of the Trade Act of 1974 ("the Act") and are identified in the Appendix to this notice. Upon receipt of these petitions, the Director of the division of Trade Adjustment Assistance, Employment and Training Administration, has instituted investigations pursuant to Section 221(a) of the Act.

The purpose of each of the investigations is to determine whether the workers are eligible to apply for adjustment assistance under title II, chapter 2, of the Act. The investigations will further relate, as appropriate, to the determination of the date on which total or partial separations began or threatened to begin and the subdivision of the firm involved.

The petitioners or any other persons showing a substantial interest in the subject matter of the investigations may request a public hearing, provided such request is filed in writing with the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance at the address shown below, not later than April 1, 2002.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the subject matter of the investigations to the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance at the address shown below, not later than April 1, 2002.

The petitions filed in this case are available for inspection at the Office of the Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room C-5311, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Signed at Washington, DC this 4th day of February, 2002.

Edward A. Tomchick,

Director, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.