

Signed at Washington, DC this 7th day of January 2000.
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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

[NAFTA-3372]

MUSKIN LEISURE PRODUCTS, INC. Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration

By letter of October 18, 1999, the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine, and Furniture Workers, AFL-CIO, requested administrative reconsideration of the Department's denial of eligibility for workers and former workers of the subject firm to apply for North American Free Trade Agreement-Transitional Adjustment Assistance (NAFTA-TAA).

On September 2, 1999, the workers of the subject firm producing above ground swimming pools, liners, filters and accessories and parts were denied NAFTA-TAA based on the finding that criteria (3) and (4) of paragraph (a)(1) of Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, were not met. The decline in employment was attributed to the company sourcing a portion of plant production to domestic and foreign sources. Pool components sourced to Canada were relatively low in relation to total plant production. There was no shift in production from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to Canada. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on October 14, 1999 (64 FR 77752).

The company presented new evidence regarding increasing imports of pool components from Canada during the relevant time period. The company will continue to increase its reliance on imports of articles from Canada and other foreign sources like or directly competitive with those that were produced at the Wilkes-Barre plant.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, it is concluded that increased imports of articles from Canada like or directly competitive with those produced by workers of Muskin Leisure Products, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, contributed importantly to the declines in sales or production and to the total

or partial separation of workers of the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, I make the following certification:

"All workers of Muskin Leisure Products, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 13, 1998 through two years from the date of the certification, are eligible to apply for NAFTA-TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974."

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division

Minimum Wages for Federal and Federally Assisted Construction; General Wage Determination Decisions

General wage determination decisions of the Secretary of Labor are issued in accordance with applicable law and are based on the information obtained by the Department of Labor from its study of local wage conditions and data made available from other sources. They specify the basic hourly wage rates and fringe benefits which are determined to be prevailing for the described classes of laborers and mechanics employed on construction projects of a similar character and in the localities specified therein.

The determinations in these decisions of prevailing rates and fringe benefits have been made in accordance with 29 CFR Part 1, by authority of the Secretary of Labor pursuant to the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act of March 3, 1931, as amended (46 Stat. 1494, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 276a) and of other Federal statutes referred to in 29 CFR Part 1, Appendix, as well as such additional statutes as may from time to time be enacted containing provisions for the payment of wages determined to be prevailing by the Secretary of Labor in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Act. The prevailing rates and fringe benefits determined in these decisions shall, in accordance with the provisions of the foregoing statutes, constitute the minimum wages payable on Federal and federally assisted construction projects to laborers and mechanics of the specified classes engaged on contract work of the character and in the localities described therein.

Good cause is hereby found for not utilizing notice and public comment procedure thereon prior to the issuance of these determinations as prescribed in 5 U.S.C. 553 and not providing for delay in the effective date as prescribed in that section, because the necessity to issue current construction industry wage determinations frequently and in large volume causes procedures to be impractical and contrary to the public interest.

General wage determination decisions, and modifications and supersedes decisions thereto, contain no expiration dates and are effective from their date of notice in the **Federal Register**, or on the date written notice is received by the agency, whichever is earlier. These decisions are to be used in accordance with the provisions of 29 CFR Parts 1 and 5. Accordingly, the applicable decision, together with any modifications issued, must be made a part of every contract for performance of the described work within the geographic area indicated as required by an applicable Federal prevailing wage law and 29 CFR Part 5. The wage rates and fringe benefits, notice of which is published herein, and which are contained in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon And Related Acts," shall be the minimum paid by contractors and subcontractors to laborers and mechanics.

Any person, organization, or governmental agency having an interest in the rates determined as prevailing is encouraged to submit wage rate and fringe benefit information for consideration by the Department. Further information and self-explanatory forms for the purpose of submitting this data may be obtained by writing to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment Standards Administration, Wage and Hour Division, Division of Wage Determinations, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room S-3014, Washington, DC 20210.

Modifications to General Wage Determination Decisions

The number of decisions listed in the Government Printing Office document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts" being modified are listed by Volume and State. Dates of publication in the **Federal Register** are in parentheses following the decision being modified.

Volume I

None.

Volume II

None

Volume III

None

Volume IV

None

Volume V

None

Volume VI

None

Volume VII

None

General Wage Determination Publication

General wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts, including those noted above, may be found in the Government Printing Office (GPO) document entitled "General Wage Determinations Issued Under The Davis-Bacon and Related Acts." This publication is available at each of the 50 Regional Government Depository Libraries and many of the 1,400 Government Depository Libraries across the country.

The general wage determinations issued under the Davis-Bacon and related Acts are available electronically by subscription to the FedWorld Bulletin Board System of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) of the U.S. Department of Commerce at 1-800-363-2068.

Hard-copy subscription may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, (202) 512-1800.

When ordering hard-copy subscription(s), be sure to specify the State(s) or interest, since subscriptions may be ordered for any or all of the seven separate volumes, arranged by State. Subscriptions include an annual edition (issued in January or February) which includes all current general wage determinations for the States covered by each volume. Throughout the remainder of the year, regular weekly updates are distributed to subscribers.

Signed at Washington, D.C. this 6th day of January 2000.

Carl J. Poleskey,

Chief, Branch of Construction Wage Determinations.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. NRTL-2-90]

SGS U.S. Testing Company, Inc., Application for Expansion of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the application of SGS U.S. Testing Company, Inc. (SGSUS), for expansion of its recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) under 29 CFR 1910.7, and presents the Agency's preliminary finding. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of this application.

DATES: Comments submitted by interested parties must be received no later than March 14, 2000.

ADDRESS: Send comments concerning this notice to: Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room N3653, Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Pasquet, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, NRTL Program at the above address, or phone (202) 693-2110.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Notice of Application

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) hereby gives notice that SGS US Testing Company, Inc. (SGSUS), has applied for expansion of its current recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL). The expansion request by SGSUS covers the use of additional test standards. SGSUS has also requested recognition to use additional supplemental programs. OSHA recognizes an organization as an NRTL, and processes applications related to such recognitions, following requirements in § 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Appendix A to this section requires that OSHA publish this public notice of the preliminary finding on an application.

The most recent notice published by OSHA for the SGSUS recognition covered a correction of recognition (63 FR 69683, December 17, 1998). The correction pertained to the renewal and expansion of the SGSUS recognition,

which OSHA announced on May 19, 1998 (63 FR 27598) and granted on August 28, 1998 (63 FR 46084). In these notices, OSHA had imposed certain conditions on SGSUS, which we repeat in this notice and will include in any final notice on this expansion request.

The current address of the SGSUS facilities (sites) recognized by OSHA are: SGS U.S. Testing Company Inc., 291 Fairfield Avenue, Fairfield, New Jersey 07004, SGS U.S. Testing Company Inc., 5555 Telegraph Road, Los Angeles, California 90040.

General Background on the Application

SGSUS has submitted a request, dated August 9, 1999 (see Exhibit 14), to expand its recognition as an NRTL for the four (4) additional test standards listed below. In this letter, the NRTL also included a request for recognition to use the two (2) additional supplemental programs also listed below.

Test Standards

SGSUS seeks recognition for testing and certification of products to demonstrate compliance to the 4 test standards listed below and OSHA has determined the standards are appropriate, as prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7(c). As is the case for any NRTL, the SGSUS recognition for a particular test standard is further limited to equipment or materials (i.e., products) for which OSHA standards require third party testing and certification before use in the workplace. As a result, OSHA's recognition of an NRTL for a test standard excludes any product(s), falling within the scope of the test standard, for which OSHA has no such requirements. In addition, testing or certification to these standards will be limited to those sites that have the proper capability and programs. In fact, this limitation applies to all test standards for which SGSUS is currently recognized. This treatment is consistent with the recognition that OSHA has granted to other NRTLs that operate or utilize multiple sites.

ANSI/UL 696 Electric Toys

ANSI/UL 697 Toy Transformers

ANSI/UL 1310 Class 2 Power Units

ANSI/UL 6500 Audio/Visual and Musical Instrument Apparatus for Household, Commercial, and Similar General Use

The designations and titles of the above test standards were current at the time of the preparation of this notice.

Programs and Procedures

SGSUS also seeks to use the supplemental programs listed below, based upon the criteria detailed in the March 9, 1995 **Federal Register** notice