

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****[NAFTA—03325 and 03325AA]****Levi Strauss & Company Wichita Falls Plant, Wichita Falls, TX and Walnut Creek Road Office, Walnut Creek, CA; Amended Certification Regarding Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA-Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 250(a), Subchapter D, Chapter 2, Title II, of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 USC 2273), the Department of Labor issued a Certification of Eligibility to Apply for NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance on August 11, 1999, applicable to workers of Levi Strauss & Company, Wichita Falls Plant, Wichita Falls, Texas. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 29, 1999 (64 FR 52543). The certification document was amended several times to include numerous facilities located at various locations.

At the request of the company, the Department reviewed the certification for workers of the subject firm. The workers are engaged in the production of denim and Docker apparel. The company reports that worker separations occurred at the Walnut Creek Road Office of Levi Strauss located in Walnut Creek, California. The Walnut Creek Road Office is a satellite office of the subject firms' headquarters in San Francisco, California and directly supports Levi Strauss's many production facilities. The intent of the Department's certification is to include all workers of Levi Strauss and Company who were adversely affected by increased imports of denim and Docker apparel from Mexico.

The amended notice applicable to NAFTA—03325 is hereby issued as follows:

All workers of Levi Strauss & Company, Wichita Falls Plant, Wichita Falls, Texas (NAFTA—03325) and Walnut Creek Road Office, Walnut Creek, California (NAFTA—03325AA) who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after August 8, 1999 through August 11, 2001 are eligible to apply for NAFTA—TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 19th day of October, 2000.

Linda G. Poole,*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****[NAFTA—03980]****Morton Forest Products a.k.a. Tree Source, Morton, Washington; Notice of Revised Determination on Reconsideration**

On August 18, 2000, the Department issued a Negative Determination Regarding Eligibility to apply for NAFTA—TAA, applicable to workers and former workers of Morton Forest Products, a.k.a. Tree Source, located in Morton, Washington. The notice was published in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2000 (65 FR 55050).

By letter of September 20, 2000, the company requested administrative reconsideration regarding the Department's denial of NAFTA—TAA for workers of the subject firm. Workers at Morton Forest Products, located in Morton, Washington, were engaged in the manufacture of stud lumber. The company claimed that the Department did not survey sufficient customers and provided a list of additional customers of stud lumber.

The initial determination was based on customer surveys which indicated that imports did not contribute importantly to the worker separations at Morton Forest Products. On reconsideration, the Department surveyed additional customers. The results of the additional customer survey revealed that two major customers of the subject firm increased their reliance on purchases of imported stud lumber from Canada while reducing purchases of domestically manufactured stud lumber.

Conclusion

After careful review of the additional facts obtained on reconsideration, I conclude that there were increased imports from Canada of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by the subject firm. In accordance with the provisions of the Trade Act, I make the following certification:

All workers of Morton Forest Products, a.k.a. Tree Source, located in Morton, Washington engaged in employment related to the production of stud lumber who became totally or partially separated from employment on or after June 16, 1999 through two years from the issuance of this revised determination are eligible to apply for NAFTA—TAA under Section 250 of the Trade Act of 1974.

Signed in Washington, DC this 19th day of October 2000.

Linda G. Poole,*Certifying Officer, Division of Trade Adjustment Assistance.*

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**Employment and Training
Administration****Notice of Determinations Regarding Eligibility to Apply for Worker Adjustment Assistance and NAFTA Transitional Adjustment Assistance**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended, the Department of Labor herein presents summaries of determinations regarding eligibility to apply for trade adjustment assistance for workers (TA-W) issued during the period of October, 2000.

In order for an affirmative determination to be made and a certification of eligibility to apply for worker adjustment assistance to be issued, each of the group eligibility requirements of Section 222 of the Act must be met.

(1) that a significant number or proportion of the workers in the workers' firm, or an appropriate subdivision thereof, have become totally or partially separated,

(2) that sales or production, or both, of the firm or subdivision have decreased absolutely, and

(3) that increases of imports of articles like or directly competitive with articles produced by the firm or appropriate subdivision have contributed importantly to the separations, or threat thereof, and to the absolute decline in sales or production.

Negative Determination for Worker Adjustment Assistance

In each of the following cases the investigation revealed that criterion (3) has not been met. A survey of customers indicated that increased imports did not contribute importantly to worker separations at the firm.

*TA-W-38,115; Wallowa Forest Products, Wallowa, OR**TA-W-37,831 & A; Occidental Chemical Corp., Buffalo Avenue-Niagara Falls Plant, Niagara Falls, NY and Grand Island Technology Center, Grand Island, NY**TA-W-38,007; Tredegar Corp., Film Products, Manchester, IA**TA-W-38,061; TRW, Valve Div., Danville, PA**TA-W-37,925; Wiscasset Mills Co., Plant #6, Albemarle, NC*