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THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

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The Honorable Daniel R. Pearson
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Pearson:

I have annexed to this letter a list of articles with respect to which the President may eliminate duties under the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (USCFTA) on certain eligible goods of Chile. Duties on these goods would be eliminated on or about January 1, 2009.

Section 201(b) of the U.S.-Chile Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("the Act") authorizes the President, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of section 103 of the Act, to proclaim such modifications as the United States may agree to with Chile regarding the staging of any duty treatment set forth in Annex 3.3 of the USCFTA. Section 103 of the Act requires the President to obtain advice regarding the proposed action from the United States International Trade Commission ("the Commission").

Pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 and authority that the President has delegated to the USTR, I request the Commission provide advice as to the probable economic effect on domestic industries producing like or directly competitive articles, workers in these industries, and on consumers of the affected goods of eliminating the U.S. tariff under the USCFTA on the articles listed in the Annex.

I ask the Commission to provide this advice at the earliest possible date, but not later than April 30, 2008. The Commission should issue, as soon as possible thereafter, a public version of its report with any business confidential information deleted.

The Commission's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Susan C. Schwab

Enclosure

**List of Proposed Subheadings for Which the United States May Accelerate the
Elimination of Duties for Qualifying Goods of Chile**

HTSUS Number	Product Description
0710.22.40	Beans, reduced in size
0710.30.00	Spinach, New Zealand spinach, orache spinach
0710.40.00	Sweet corn
0710.80.97	Vegetables nesi, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen, reduced in size
0710.90.91	Mixtures of vegetables not elsewhere specified or included, uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water, frozen
2005.99.80	Artichokes
2009.69.00	Grape juice (including grape must), other