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The Honorable Deanna Tanner Okun
Chairman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Chairman Okun:

The GSP Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has announced in the *Federal Register* its decision to accept certain product petitions for the 2010 Annual Review for modification of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). Assuming that Congress extends the GSP program, modifications to the GSP program that may result from this review are expected to be announced on or before June 30, 2011, and become effective as of the date of announcement. In this connection, I am making the request set out below.

I hereby notify the Commission that the articles listed in the enclosed annex are being considered for removal from eligibility for duty-free treatment under the GSP program from all beneficiary countries or from the specified country. Under authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, with respect to articles listed in the enclosed annex, I request that the Commission provide its advice as to the probable economic effect of the removal from eligibility for duty-free treatment under the GSP program for such articles from all beneficiary countries or from the specified country on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, on U.S. imports, and on U.S. consumers.

To the extent possible, I would appreciate it if the probable economic effect advice and statistics (profile of the U.S. industry and market and U.S. import and export data) and any other relevant information or advice was provided separately and individually for each U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule subheading for all the cases in these requests

In accordance with USTR policy on implementing Executive Order 13526, as amended, entitled "Classified National Security Information" and published January 5, 2010, I direct you to mark or identify as "confidential," for a period of ten years, such portions of the Commission's report and its working papers which relate to the advice and assessment of probable economic effects. Consistent with the Executive Order, this information is being classified on the basis that it concerns economic matters relating to the national security. USTR also considers the Commission's report to be an inter-agency memorandum that will contain pre-decisional advice and be subject to the deliberative process privilege. I also request that you submit an outline of this report as soon as possible to enable USTR officials to provide you with further guidance on its classification, including the extent to which portions of the report will require classification and for how long. Based on this outline, an appropriate USTR official with original classification authority will provide you with written instructions. All confidential business information contained in the report should be clearly identified.

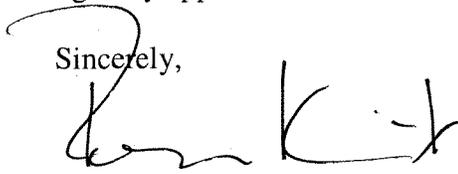
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I would greatly appreciate if the requested advice, including those portions indicated as "Confidential" be provided to my Office by no later than 110 days from receipt of this letter. Once the Commission's confidential report is provided to my Office, and we review and approve the classification marking, the Commission should issue, as soon as possible thereafter, a public version of the report containing only the unclassified information, with any confidential business information deleted.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Kirk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a distinct "K".

Ambassador Ronald Kirk

Annex

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheadings listed below have been accepted as product petitions for the 2010 Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) Annual Review for modification of the GSP. The tariff nomenclature in the HTS for the subheadings listed below are definitive; the product descriptions in this list are *for informational purposes only* (except in those cases where only part of a subheading is the subject of a petition). The descriptions below are not intended to delimit in any way the scope of the subheading. The HTS may be viewed on <http://www.usitc.gov/tata/index.htm>.

Petitions to remove duty-free status from all beneficiary countries or from the specified country for a product on the list of eligible articles for the Generalized System of Preferences

<u>Accepted Case No.</u>	<u>HTS Subheading</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Petitioner</u>
2010-01	9404.30.80	Sleeping bags, not containing 20% or more by weight of feathers and/or down	Exxel Outdoors, Inc., Haleyville, Alabama.
2010-02	3919.10.20 (from Indonesia only)	Certain types of self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, in rolls not exceeding 20 cm wide, not having a light-reflecting glass grain surface	Pressure Sensitive Tape Council; 3M Company of St. Paul, Minnesota; Intertape Polymer Corp. of Bradenton, Florida; Shurtape Technologies, Inc. of Hickory, North Carolina; and Sekisui TA Industries, Inc. of Brea, California
2010-03	3919.90.50 (from Indonesia only)	Certain types of self-adhesive plates, sheets, film, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes, of plastics, whether or not in rolls, not having a light-reflecting surface produced by glass grains	Pressure Sensitive Tape Council; 3M Company of St. Paul, Minnesota; Intertape Polymer Corp. of Bradenton, Florida; Shurtape Technologies, Inc. of Hickory, North Carolina; and Sekisui TA Industries, Inc. of Brea, California