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The Honorable Shara Aranoff
Chairman
United States International Trade Commission
500 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20436

Dear Chairman Aranoff:

The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has recently decided and will announce in the *Federal Register* its decision to accept a product petition for modification of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). In this connection, under authority delegated to me by the President, I request, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, that with respect to the article listed in the enclosed annex, the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) provide its advice as to the probable economic effect of the removal of this article from eligibility for duty-free treatment under the GSP program with respect to all beneficiary countries, on U.S. industries producing like or directly competitive articles, on U.S. imports, and on U.S. consumers.

The report should be classified and marked in accordance with Section 1.6 of Executive Order 13292, as amended. With respect to the article identified in the enclosed annex, the sections of the report that analyze the probable economic effect as well as other information that would reveal aspects of the probable economic effects advice should be classified as Confidential pursuant to Section 1.4(e) of Executive Order 13292, as amended. The declassification date should be ten years from the date of your report. Background, public data, and other portions of the report that do not provide or reveal aspects of the probable economic effects advice or conclusions should not be classified. The probable economic effects advice, the probable effect model results, the non-public data used in the model, and the model parameters as a whole would normally be classified Confidential. Chapters containing the positions of interested parties, previously released public documents (e.g., the request letter and *Federal Register* notice), and tables containing public data (unless the selection of data on the table would reveal the probable effects advice) should be unclassified. The overall classification marked on the front and back covers of the report should be "Confidential" to conform with the confidential sections contained therein. All business confidential information contained in the report should be clearly identified.

Once the Commission's confidential report is provided to my Office, the Commission should issue, as soon as possible thereafter, a public version of the report containing only the unclassified information, with any business confidential information deleted.

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I would greatly appreciate it if the Commission could provide the requested advice, including those portions indicated as "Confidential" to my Office by no later than April 12, 2010. 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, sweeping initial "R" that loops back over the word "Kirk".

Ambassador Ron Kirk

Annex

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheading listed below is the subject of a review to determine whether to remove duty-free status from this article for imports from all beneficiary developing countries under the Generalized System of Preferences. The tariff nomenclature in the HTS for the subheading listed below is definitive; the product description is *for informational purposes only*. The description below is 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>.

<u>HTS</u> <u>Subheading</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Petitioner</u>
9404.30.80	Sleeping bags, not containing 20 percent or more by weight of feathers and/or down	Exxel Outdoors, Inc.