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

Dear Chairman Pearson:

The Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) has recently decided and will announce in the *Federal Register* the acceptance of product petitions for the 2006 GSP Annual Review for modification of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). For the most part, modifications to the GSP program which may result from this review will be announced in the spring of 2007 and become effective in the summer of 2007. In this connection, I am making the request listed below.

Under authority delegated by the President, pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, I request, in accordance with section 503(d)(1)(A) of the 1974 Act, that the Commission provide advice on whether any industry in the United States is likely to be adversely affected by a waiver of the competitive need limits specified in section 503(c)(2)(A) of the 1974 Act for the country specified with respect to the articles in the enclosed Annex. With respect to the competitive need limitation in section 503(c)(2)(A)(i)(I) of the 1974 Act, the Commission is requested to use the dollar value limit of \$125 million.

It would be greatly appreciated if the requested advice could be provided by no later than 90 days from receipt of this letter. Additionally, to the maximum extent possible, it would be greatly appreciated if the probable economic effect advice and statistics (profile of the United States industry and market and United States import and export data) and any other relevant information or advice be provided separately and individually for each HTS subheading for all the cases in this investigation.

I direct you to mark as "Confidential" those portions of the Commission's report and related working papers that contain the Commission's advice on the probable economic effect on United States industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers. All other parts of the report are unclassified, but the overall classification marked on the front and back covers of the report should be "Confidential" to conform to the confidential sections contained therein. All business confidential information contained in the report should be clearly identified.

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When 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 sections, with any business confidential information deleted.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan C. Schwab". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Susan" being the most prominent part.

Susan C. Schwab

Enclosure: Annex

Annex

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheadings listed below have been accepted as product petitions for the 2006 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>.

Case No.	HTS Subheading	Brief Description	Petitioner
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Petitions for waiver of competitive need limits for a product on the list of eligible products for the Generalized System of Preferences.

2006-01	2001.10.00 (India)	Cucumbers including gherkins, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid	Government of India
2006-02	2836.91.00 (Argentina)	Lithium Carbonates	Government of Argentina; FMC Corporation, Philadelphia, PA
2006-03	4011.20.10 (Thailand)	New pneumatic radial tires, of kind used on buses or trucks	Bridgestone Americas Holding, Inc. Nashville, TN
2006-04	5703.10.20 (India)	Hand-hooked carpets and other textile floor coverings, tufted, whether or not made up, of wool or fine animal hair	Government of India; Oriental Rug Importers Association, Inc. Secaucus, NJ
2006-05	7202.99.20 (Argentina)	Calcium silicon ferroalloys	Government of Argentina; CAFAE (Argentinean Chamber of Ferroalloys and Special Alloys), Argentina
2006-06	7403.11.00 (Brazil)	Refined copper cathodes and sections of cathodes	Caraiba Metais S.A., Brazil
2006-07	7408.11.60 (Brazil)	Refined copper wire w/ma cross-sectional dimension over ximum 6 mm not over 9.5 mm	Caraiba Metais S.A., Brazil
2006-08	8528.12.80 ¹ (India)	Color television reception apparatus, video display diagonal over 34.29 cm incorporating a VCR or player	Government of India

¹As a result of the 2007 changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule, this tariff number will change prior to implementation.