

September 20th, 2002

The Honorable Donald L. Evans
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Evans,

Allow me to take this opportunity to discuss with you the issue of the Republic of Estonia's present status under the U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty law.

Currently, in accordance with the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1677(18), the Republic of Estonia is categorized as a Nonmarket Economy. We believe that this status does not correctly reflect the present situation of the Estonian economy and we therefore kindly ask that this status be revised. The issue was also thoroughly addressed in the letter # 4.1/7644 of the Estonian Minister of Foreign Affairs dated July 10th, 2002.

With regard to the abovementioned letter and to the anti-dumping measure currently in force against solid urea from Estonia (case # A-447-801, date of order 07/14/1987, continuation 17/11/1999), the Government of Estonia hereby kindly requests the International Trade Administration conducts an inquiry under the changed circumstances review.

Please let me express my strong belief that a positive decision in this case would be a welcomed contribution to the continuing prosperous trade relations between Estonia and the United States.

Sincerely,

Sven Jurgenson
The Ambassador of the Republic of Estonia