



LAC-IEE-04-59

ENVIRONMENTAL THRESHOLD DECISION

Activity Location : Brazil

Activity Title : Economic Opportunities for SME Growth, Trade and Poverty Reduction

Activity Number : 512-0411

Funding : \$ 2,000,000 (DA)
\$ 1,500,000 (ESF)

Life of Activity : FY04-FY06

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Recommended Threshold Decision : Categorical Exclusion

Bureau Threshold Decision : Categorical Exclusion
Deferral

Comments:

Based on the attached IEE, a **categorical exclusion** is issued, in accordance with 22 CFR 216.2 (c)(2)(i), (iii), & (xiv) for education, technical assistance and training programs and studies for promotion of Free Trade and Targeted Social Safety net activities.

A **Deferral** is issued per 22 CFR 216.3(a)(1)(iii), for SME activities because the types of activities have not yet been determined and further analysis may be necessary. A supplemental IEE evaluating the economic, social, and environmental risks and benefits of the planned SME activities needs to be submitted to and approved by the LAC BEO prior to commencing any assistance for SME activities other than identifying the types of activities that are eligible. If, after submission of the Supplemental IEE, the LAC BEO requests preparation of an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement, such document shall also be

submitted to and approved by the LAC BEO prior to commencing any assistance for the SME activities.

The underlined statements will be a condition of the agreement with the implementing agency.

_____ Date _____
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Iee to be added later