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Pursuant to the letter of request from the United States Trade Representative of March 24, 2006, set forth in the Appendix hereto, and pursuant to section 1207(a) of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act, the Commission is publishing the following modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) to implement the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement, as approved in the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, with respect to Honduras and Nicaragua.

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Annex I

Section A. Effective with respect to goods that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 1, 2006:

The Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) is modified as provided herein, with bracketed matter included to assist in the understanding of proclaimed modifications. The following supersedes matter now in the HTS.

(1). General note 4 is modified as follows:

(a). by deleting from subdivision (a) the following countries from the enumeration of independent beneficiary developing countries:

Honduras

(b). by deleting from subdivision (d) the following subheadings and the country set out opposite each such subheading:

2009.31.10 Honduras

2009.39.10 Honduras

8544.30.00 Honduras

(c). by making the following conforming changes to the HTS: for the following subheadings, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn is modified by deleting the symbol "A*" and inserting an "A" in lieu thereof.

2009.31.10

2009.39.10

8544.30.00

(2). General note 7 is modified as follows:

(a). by deleting from subdivision (a) the following countries from the enumeration of designated beneficiary countries:

Honduras

Nicaragua

(b). by adding to the list of countries in subdivision (b)(i)(C) the following countries:

Honduras

Nicaragua

(3). General note 17 is modified as follows:

(a). by deleting from subdivision (a) the following countries from the enumeration of designated beneficiary countries:

Honduras
Nicaragua

(b). by adding to the list of countries in subdivision (e)(ii)(B) the following countries:

Honduras
Nicaragua

(4). General note 29(a)(iii) is modified by inserting after “El Salvador” the expression “, Honduras, Nicaragua”.

(5). U.S. note 7(b) to subchapter II of chapter 98 is modified as follows:

(a). by deleting from subdivision (i) the following countries from the enumeration of designated beneficiary countries:

Honduras
Nicaragua

(b). by adding to the list of countries in subdivision (ii)(C)(2) the following countries:

Honduras
Nicaragua

(6). Subchapter XX of chapter 98 is modified as follows:

(a). by deleting from U.S. note 1 the following countries from the enumeration of designated beneficiary countries.

Honduras
Nicaragua

(b). by adding to U.S. note 5(c)(ii) the following countries:

Honduras
Nicaragua

(7). (a) U.S. note 25 to subchapter XXII of chapter 98 is modified by designating existing subdivision (a) as (a)(i) and by inserting the following new subdivision (a)(ii):

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"(ii) During the period from April 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006, the aggregate quantity of goods described in U.S. note 23 to this subchapter of each party to the Agreement as defined in general note 29(a) enumerated in the table below that is entered under subheading 9822.05.20 shall be limited to the aggregate quantity (set forth in metric tons) specified below for that country:

Honduras	8,000
Nicaragua	22,000"

(b) Subdivision (b)(ii) of such U.S. note 25 is modified by inserting in the table in such note the following countries in alphabetical sequence, and inserting in such table the associated quantities for such countries set forth herein for each of the years already specified in such subdivision:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	8,160	8,320	8,480	8,640	8,800
Nicaragua	22,440	22,880	23,320	23,760	24,200"
	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	8,960	9,120	9,280	9,440	9,600
Nicaragua	24,640	25,080	25,520	25,960	26,400"
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	9,760	9,920	10,080	10,240	10,400
Nicaragua	26,840	27,280	27,720	28,160	28,600"

(c) The following countries and associated quantities for those countries are inserted in alphabetical sequence in the table in the final sentence of such subdivision (b)(ii):

	<u>Quantity</u>
	(metric tons)
"Honduras	160
Nicaragua	440"

(8). The last sentence of U.S. note 1 to subchapter IV of chapter 99 is modified by adding “, Honduras, Nicaragua” at the end of the list of countries.

(9). The U.S. notes and provisions of subchapter XV of chapter 99 are modified as follows:

(a). U.S. note 4 is modified as follows:

(i). by deleting “El Salvador” In the first and third sentence and inserting “El Salvador, Honduras or Nicaragua” in lieu thereof.

(ii). by inserting in the table in such note the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period “April 1-December 31, 2006” with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

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	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u> (metric tons)	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>
"Honduras	525	550	575	600	625	650	675	700
Nicaragua	10,500	11,000	11,500	12,000	12,500	13,000	13,500	14,000"
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u> (metric tons)	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>		
"Honduras	725	750	775	800	825	850		
Nicaragua	14,500	15,000	15,500	16,000	16,500	17,000"		

(b). U.S. note 5 is modified as follows:

(i). in subdivision (a) and (b), by deleting "El Salvador" in the first and second sentence and inserting "El Salvador, Honduras or Nicaragua" in lieu thereof.

(ii). in subdivision (a), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u> (liters)	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Honduras	560,259	588,272	617,685	648,570	680,998
Nicaragua	254,663	267,396	280,766	294,804	309,545"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u> (liters)	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Honduras	715,048	750,801	788,341	827,758	869,145
Nicaragua	325,022	341,273	358,337	376,253	395,066"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u> (liters)	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
"Honduras	912,603	958,233	1,006,145	1,056,452	1,109,274
Nicaragua	414,819	435,560	457,338	480,205	504,216"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u> (liters)	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
"Honduras	1,164,738	1,222,975	1,284,124	1,348,330	
Nicaragua	529,426	555,898	583,693	612,877"	

(iii). in subdivision (b), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

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	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
		(liters)			
"Honduras	168,078	176,482	185,306	194,571	204,299
Nicaragua	76,399	80,219	84,230	88,441	92,864"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
		(liters)			
"Honduras	214,514	225,240	236,502	248,327	260,744
Nicaragua	97,507	102,382	107,501	112,876	118,520"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
		(liters)			
"Honduras	273,781	287,470	301,844	316,936	332,782
Nicaragua	124,446	130,668	137,201	144,062	151,265"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
		(liters)			
"Honduras	349,421	366,892	385,237	404,499	
Nicaragua	158,828	166,769	175,108	183,863"	

(c). U.S. note 6 is modified as follows:

(i). in subdivision (a) and (b), by deleting "El Salvador" in the first and second sentence and inserting "El Salvador or Honduras" in lieu thereof.

(ii). in subdivision (a), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following country and the associated quantities for such country under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate country and quantity.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	100	105	110	116	122"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	128	134	141	148	155"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
		(metric tons)			
Honduras	163	171	180	189	198
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
		(metric tons)			
Honduras	208	218	229	241	

(iii). in subdivision (b), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following country and the quantities for such country under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate country and quantity.

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	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Honduras	30	32	33	35	37"
		(metric tons)			
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Honduras	38	40	42	44	46"
		(metric tons)			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
"Honduras	49	51	54	57	59"
		(metric tons)			
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
"Honduras	62	65	69	72"	
		(metric tons)			

(d). U.S. note 8 is modified as follows:

(i). in subdivision (a) and (b), by deleting "El Salvador" in the first and second sentence and inserting "El Salvador or Nicaragua" in lieu thereof.

(ii). in subdivision (a), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate country and associated quantity.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Nicaragua	100	105	110	116	122"
		(metric tons)			
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Nicaragua	128	134	141	148	155"
		(metric tons)			
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
"Nicaragua	163	171	180	189	198"
		(metric tons)			
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
"Nicaragua	208	218	229	241"	
		(metric tons)			

(iii). in subdivision (b), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following country and the quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate country and quantity.

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	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u> (metric tons)	<u>2008</u> (metric tons)	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Nicaragua	30	32	33	35	37"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u> (metric tons)	<u>2013</u> (metric tons)	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Nicaragua	38	40	42	44	46"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u> (metric tons)	<u>2018</u> (metric tons)	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
"Nicaragua	49	51	54	57	59"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u> (metric tons)	<u>2023</u> (metric tons)	<u>2024</u>	
"Nicaragua	62	65	69	72"	

(e). U.S. note 10 is modified as follows:

(i). in subdivision (a), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

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	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	350	368	386	405	425
Nicaragua	625	656	689	724	760"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	447	469	492	517	543
Nicaragua	798	838	879	923	970"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	570	599	629	660	693
Nicaragua	1,018	1,069	1,122	1,179	1,237"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	728	764	802	842	
Nicaragua	1,299	1,364	1,433	1,504"	

(ii). in subdivision (b), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	105	110	116	122	128
Nicaragua	188	197	207	217	228"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	134	141	148	155	163
Nicaragua	239	251	264	277	291"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	171	180	189	198	208
Nicaragua	305	321	337	354	371"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
		(metric tons)			
"Honduras	218	229	241	253	
Nicaragua	390	409	430	451"	

(f). The following new U.S. note is inserted in numerical sequence:

"11. The aggregate quantity of goods described in U.S. note 2 to this subchapter of Nicaragua entered under subheading 9915.04.99 in any calendar year shall not exceed the quantity specified below for that year.

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<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)
4/1/2006- 12/31/2006	250	2013	352	2020	495
2007	263	2014	369	2021	520
2008	276	2015	388	2022	546
2009	289	2016	407	2023	573
2010	304	2017	428	2024	602
2011	319	2018	449		
2012	335	2019	471		

Beginning in calendar year 2025, the quantitative limitations set forth in this note shall cease to apply to such goods of Nicaragua.

Unless earlier modified or terminated, this note and subheading 9915.04.99 shall be deleted from the tariff schedule at the close of December 31, 2025."

(g). U.S. note 12 is modified as follows:

(i). in subdivision (a) and (b), by deleting "El Salvador" in the first and second sentence and inserting "El Salvador or Nicaragua" in lieu thereof.

(ii). in subdivision (a), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following country and the associated quantities for such country under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate country and associated quantity.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u> (metric tons)	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Nicaragua	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u> (metric tons)	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Nicaragua	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	15,000"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u> (metric tons)	<u>2019</u>	
"Nicaragua	16,000	17,000	18,000	19,000"	

(iii). in subdivision (b), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following country and the associated quantities for such country under the specified years, and the insertion of a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate country and associated quantity.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u> (metric tons)	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Nicaragua	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u> (metric tons)	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Nicaragua	3,300	3,600	3,900	4,200	4,500"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u> (metric tons)	<u>2019</u>	

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"Nicaragua 4,800 5,100 5,400 5,700"

(h). The following new U.S. note is inserted in numerical sequence:

"13.(a) The aggregate quantity of goods described in U.S. note 2 to this subchapter of Nicaragua entered under subheading 9915.20.05 in any calendar year shall not exceed the quantity specified below for that year.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)
4/1/2006- 12/31/2006	280	2011	420	2016	560
2007	308	2012	448	2017	588
2008	336	2013	476	2018	616
2009	364	2014	504	2019	644
2010	392	2015	532		

Beginning in calendar year 2020, the quantitative limitations set forth in this subdivision shall cease to apply to such goods of Nicaragua.

(b) The aggregate quantity of goods described in U.S. note 2 to this subchapter of Nicaragua entered under subheading 9915.20.10 in any calendar year shall not exceed the quantity specified below for that year.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)	<u>Year</u>	<u>Quantity</u> (metric tons)
4/1/2006- 12/31/2006	84	2011	126	2016	168
2007	92	2012	134	2017	176
2008	101	2013	143	2018	185
2009	109	2014	151	2019	193
2010	118	2015	160		

Beginning in calendar year 2020, the quantitative limitations set forth in this subdivision shall cease to apply to such goods of Nicaragua.

Unless earlier modified or terminated, this note, subheadings 9915.20.05 through 9915.20.20 and the immediate superior text thereto shall be deleted from the tariff schedule at the close of December 31, 2020."

(i). U.S. note 14 is modified as follows:

(i). in subdivision (a), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u> (liters)	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
"Honduras	48,544	50,971	53,519	56,195	59,005
Nicaragua	266,989	280,338	294,355	309,073	324,527"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u> (liters)	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
"Honduras	61,955	65,053	68,306	71,721	75,307
Nicaragua	340,753	357,791	375,680	394,464	414,188"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>

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	(liters)				
"Honduras	79,072	83,026	87,177	91,536	96,113
Nicaragua	434,897	456,642	479,474	503,448	528,620"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
		(liters)			
"Honduras	100,918	105,964	111,263	116,826	
Nicaragua	555,051	582,804	611,944	642,541"	

(ii). in subdivision (b), by inserting in the table in such subdivision the following countries and the associated quantities for such countries under the specified years, and inserting a new period "April 1-December 31, 2006" with appropriate countries and associated quantities.

	<u>4/1/2006- 12/31/2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
		(liters)			
"Honduras	14,563	15,291	16,056	16,858	17,702
Nicaragua	80,097	84,101	88,306	92,722	97,358"
	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
		(liters)			
"Honduras	18,586	19,516	20,492	21,516	22,592
Nicaragua	102,226	107,337	112,704	118,339	124,256"
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
		(liters)			
"Honduras	23,722	24,908	26,153	27,461	28,834
Nicaragua	130,469	136,993	143,842	151,034	158,586"
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	
		(liters)			
"Honduras	30,275	31,789	33,379	35,048	
Nicaragua	166,515	174,841	183,583	192,762"	

(j). The following new U.S. note is inserted in numerical sequence:

"15. Cotton or man-made fiber apparel goods of Nicaragua.

- (a) The rate of duty provided for in subheading 9915.61.01 in the "Special" subcolumn of rates of duty column 1 shall apply to goods of Nicaragua, in an aggregate quantity not to exceed the annual total quantity set forth in subdivision (c) of this note. Subheading 9915.61.01 applies to the cotton or man-made fiber apparel goods described in this note if the goods meet the applicable conditions for preferential tariff treatment under general note 29 to the tariff schedule, other than the condition that they be originating goods and are both cut or knit to shape, and sewn or otherwise assembled, in the territory of Nicaragua.
- (b) The apparel goods of cotton or of man-made fibers, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints, enumerated herein and provided for in chapters 61 or 62 shall receive the tariff treatment set forth in subheading 9915.61.01. For purposes of this note, an apparel good must be classifiable in a tariff provision enumerated in the first column below and be described opposite such provision:

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<u>Subheading</u>	<u>Articles Eligible for Treatment as Apparel Goods Under this Note</u>
(1) 6101.20.00, 6101.30.10, 6101.30.20, 6101.90.90	Men's or boys' overcoats, carcoats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), windbreakers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6103, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(2) 6102.20.00, 6102.30.05, 6102.30.20, 6102.90.90	Women's or girls' overcoats, carcoats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), windbreakers and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, other than those of heading 6104, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(3) 6103.12.20, 6103.19.15, 6103.19.20, 6103.19.90, 6103.22.00, 6103.23.00, 6103.29.10, 6103.29.20, 6103.32.00, 6103.33.20, 6103.39.10, 6103.39.80, 6103.42.10, 6103.42.20, 6103.43.15, 6103.43.20, 6103.49.10, 6103.49.20, 6103.49.80	Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, suit-type jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(4) 6104.12.00, 6104.13.20, 6104.19.15, 6104.19.80, 6104.22.00, 6104.23.00, 6104.29.10, 6104.29.20, 6104.32.00, 6104.33.20, 6104.39.10, 6104.39.20, 6104.42.00, 6104.43.20, 6104.44.20, 6104.49.90, 6104.52.00, 6104.53.20, 6104.59.10, 6104.59.80, 6104.62.10, 6104.62.20, 6104.63.10, 6104.63.20, 6104.69.10, 6104.69.20, 6104.69.80	Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, suit-type jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(5) 6105.10.00, 6105.20.20, 6105.90.80	Men's or boys' shirts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(6) 6106.10.00, 6106.20.20, 6106.90.25, 6106.90.30	Women's or girls' blouses and shirts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(7) 6107.11.00, 6107.12.00, 6107.21.00, 6107.22.00, 6107.91.00, 6107.92.00	Men's or boys' underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pajamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(8) 6108.11.00, 6108.19.90, 6108.21.00, 6108.22.90, 6108.31.00, 6108.32.00, 6108.91.00, 6108.92.00	Women's or girls' slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pajamas, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(9) 6109.10.00, 6109.90.10,	T-shirts, singlets, tank tops and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints
(10) 6110.20.10, 6110.20.20, 6110.30.10, 6110.30.20, 6110.30.30, 6110.90.90	Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, waistcoats (vests) and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints

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| (11) | 6111.20.10, 6111.20.20, 6111.20.30, 6111.20.40, 6111.20.50, 6111.20.60, 6111.30.10, 6111.30.20, 6111.30.30, 6111.30.40, 6111.30.50, 6111.90.10, 6111.90.20, 6111.90.30, 6111.90.40, 6111.90.50 | Babies' garments and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (12) | 6112.11.00, 6112.12.00, 6112.19.10, 6112.20.10, 6112.20.20, 6112.31.00, 6112.39.00, 6112.41.00, 6112.49.00 | Track suits, ski-suits, and swimwear, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (13) | 6113.00.90 | Garments, made up of knitted or crocheted fabrics of heading 5903, 5906, or 5907, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (14) | 6114.20.00, 6114.30.10, 6114.30.20, 6114.30.30, 6114.90.90 | Other garments, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (15) | 6115.11.00, 6115.12.20, 6115.19.80, 6115.20.90, 6115.92.60, 6115.92.90, 6115.93.60, 6115.93.90, 6115.99.14, 6115.99.18 | Panty hose, tights, stockings, socks and other hosiery, including stockings for varicose veins, and footwear without applied soles, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (16) | 6116.10.17, 6116.10.48, 6116.10.55, 6116.10.75, 6116.92.64, 6116.92.74, 6116.92.88, 6116.92.94, 6116.93.88, 6116.93.94, 6116.99.48, 6116.99.54, 6116.99.95 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (17) | 6117.10.20, 6117.10.60, 6117.20.90, 6117.80.95, 6117.90.90 | Other made up clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted, knitted or crocheted parts of garments or of clothing accessories, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (18) | 6201.12.10, 6201.12.20, 6201.13.10, 6201.13.40, 6201.19.90, 6201.92.10, 6201.92.15, 6201.92.20, 6201.93.10, 6201.93.20, 6201.93.30, 6201.93.35, 6201.99.90 | Men's or boys' overcoats, carcoats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), windbreakers and similar articles (including padded, sleeveless jackets), other than those of heading 6203, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (19) | 6202.12.10, 6202.12.20, 6202.13.10, 6202.13.40, 6202.19.90, 6202.92.10, 6202.92.15, 6202.92.20, 6202.93.10, 6202.93.20, 6202.93.45, 6202.93.50, 6202.99.90 | Women's or girls' overcoats, carcoats, capes, cloaks, anoraks (including ski-jackets), windbreakers and similar articles (including padded, sleeveless jackets), other than those of heading 6204, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (20) | 6203.12.20, 6203.19.10, 6203.19.30, 6203.19.90, 6203.22.10, 6203.22.30, 6203.23.00, 6203.29.20, 6203.32.10, 6203.32.20, 6203.33.20, 6203.39.20, 6203.39.90, 6203.42.20, 6203.42.40, 6203.43.15, 6203.43.20, 6203.43.25, 6203.43.35, 6203.43.40, 6203.49.10, 6203.49.15, 6203.49.20, 6203.49.80 | Men's or boys' suits, ensembles, suit-type jackets, blazers, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |

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| (21) | 6204.12.00, 6204.13.20, 6204.19.20, 6204.19.80, 6204.22.10, 6204.22.30, 6204.23.00, 6204.29.20, 6204.29.40, 6204.32.10, 6204.32.20, 6204.33.10, 6204.33.20, 6204.33.50, 6204.39.30, 6204.39.80, 6204.42.10, 6204.42.20, 6204.42.30, 6204.43.10, 6204.43.20, 6204.43.40, 6204.44.20, 6204.44.40, 6204.49.50, 6204.52.10, 6204.52.20, 6204.53.10, 6204.53.30, 6204.59.10, 6204.59.30, 6204.59.40, 6204.62.20, 6204.62.30, 6204.62.40, 6204.63.12, 6204.63.15, 6204.63.20, 6204.63.30, 6204.63.35, 6204.69.10, 6204.69.25, 6204.69.60, 6204.69.90 | Women's or girls' suits, ensembles, suit-type jackets, blazers, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts (other than swimwear), of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (22) | 6205.20.10, 6205.20.20, 6205.30.10, 6205.30.20, 6205.90.30, 6205.90.40 | Men's or boys' shirts of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (23) | 6206.10.00, 6206.30.10, 6206.30.20, 6206.30.30, 6206.40.10, 6206.40.20, 6206.40.30, 6206.90.00 | Women's or girls' blouses, shirts and shirt-blouses, of cotton or man-made fiber, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (24) | 6207.11.00, 6207.19.90, 6207.21.00, 6207.22.00, 6207.91.10, 6207.91.30, 6207.92.20, 6207.92.40 | Men's or boys' singlets and other undershirts, underpants, briefs, nightshirts, pajamas, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (25) | 6208.11.00, 6208.19.20, 6208.21.00, 6208.22.00, 6208.91.10, 6208.91.30, 6208.92.00 | Women's or girls' singlets and other undershirts, slips, petticoats, briefs, panties, nightdresses, pajamas, negligees, bathrobes, dressing gowns and similar articles, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (26) | 6209.20.10, 6209.20.20, 6209.20.30, 6209.20.50, 6209.30.10, 6209.30.20, 6209.30.30, 6209.90.10, 6209.90.20, 6209.90.30 | Babies' garments and clothing accessories, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (27) | 6210.10.90, 6210.20.50, 6210.20.90, 6210.30.50, 6210.30.90, 6210.40.50, 6210.40.90, 6210.50.50, 6210.50.90 | Garments, made up of fabrics of heading 5602, 5603, 5903, 5906, or 5907, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (28) | 6211.11.10, 6211.11.80, 6211.12.10, 6211.12.80, 6211.20.04, 6211.20.15, 6211.20.28, 6211.20.38, 6211.20.48, 6211.20.58, 6211.20.68, 6211.20.78, 6211.32.00, 6211.33.00, 6211.42.00, 6211.43.00 | Track suits, ski-suits and swimwear; other garments, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (29) | 6212.10.50, 6212.10.90, 6212.20.00, 6212.30.00, 6212.90.00 | Brassieres, girdles, corsets, braces, suspenders, garters, and similar articles and parts thereof, whether or not knitted or crocheted, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (30) | 6213.20.10, 6213.20.20, 6213.90.10 | Handkerchiefs, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (31) | 6214.30.00, 6214.40.00, 6214.90.00 | Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils, and the like, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |

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| (32) | 6215.10.00, 6215.20.00, 6215.90.00 | Ties, bow ties, and cravats, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (33) | 6216.00.17, 6216.00.21, 6216.00.24,
6216.00.29, 6216.00.38, 6216.00.41,
6216.00.54, 6216.00.58 | Gloves, mittens, and mitts, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |
| (34) | 6217.10.95, 6217.90.90 | Other made up clothing accessories; parts of garments or of clothing accessories, other than those of heading 6212, of cotton or man-made fiber or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints |

- (c) The aggregate quantity of goods enumerated in subdivision (b) of this note of Nicaragua and entered under subheading 9915.61.01 in any calendar year shall not exceed the quantity specified below.

2006	100,000,000 SME	2011	80,000,000 SME
2007	100,000,000 SME	2012	60,000,000 SME
2008	100,000,000 SME	2013	40,000,000 SME
2009	100,000,000 SME	2014	20,000,000 SME
2010	100,000,000 SME		

For purposes of determining the quantity of square meter equivalents (SME) to be charged against the aggregate quantity specified in this subdivision, the conversion factors listed in *Correlation: U.S. Textile and Apparel Category System with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States of America 2003*, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel, or successor publication, shall apply.

Unless earlier modified or terminated, this note, subheading 9915.61.01 and the immediate superior text thereto shall be deleted from the tariff schedule at the close of December 31, 2014."

(k). The superior text to subheading 9915.02.05 reading "Of El Salvador:" is deleted and a new superior text reading "Of El Salvador, Honduras or Nicaragua:" is inserted in lieu thereof.

(l). A new superior text to subheading 9915.04.01 reading "Of El Salvador, Honduras or Nicaragua:" is inserted immediately below subheading 9915.02.10 and at the first level of indentation, immediately above the existing superior text to such subheading 9915.04.01 which appears at the second level of indentation.

(m). A new superior text to subheading 9915.04.05 reading "Of El Salvador or Honduras:" is inserted immediately below subheading 9915.04.03 and at the first level of indentation, immediately above the existing superior text to such subheading 9915.04.05 which appears at the second level of indentation.

(n). A new superior text to subheading 9915.04.30 reading "Of El Salvador or Nicaragua:" is inserted immediately below subheading 9915.04.17 and at the first level of indentation, immediately above the existing superior text to such subheading 9915.04.30 which appears at the first level of indentation.

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(o). The following new provision is inserted in numerical sequence:

	: [Goods described in U.S. note 2 to this subchapter:]	:	:	:
	: "Of Nicaragua:	:	:	:
9915.04.99	: Goods provided for in subheading 0406.10.08,	:	:	:
	: 0406.10.88, 0406.20.91, 0406.30.91 or	:	:	:
	: 0406.90.97 subject to the quantitative limits	:	:	:
	: specified in U.S. note 11 to this subchapter	:	:	: Free (P+)
	:	:	:	:

(p). The superior text to subheading 9915.12.05 which reads "Of El Salvador:" is deleted and "Of El Salvador or Nicaragua:" inserted in lieu thereof.

(q). The following new provisions are inserted in numerical sequence:

	: [Goods described in U.S. note 2 to this subchapter:]	:	:	:
	: "Of Nicaragua:	:	:	:
	: Goods provided for in subheading 2008.11.15:	:	:	:
9915.20.05	: Subject to the quantitative limits specified	:	:	:
	: in U.S. note 13(a) to this subchapter	:	:	: Free (P+)
	:	:	:	:
9915.20.10	: Subject to the quantitative limits specified	:	:	:
	: in U.S. note 13(b) to this subchapter	:	:	: [See Annex IIB] (P+)
	:	:	:	:
9915.20.20	: Other	:	:	: [See Annex IIB] (P+)
	:	:	:	:
9915.61.01	: Apparel goods of Nicaragua, of cotton or man-made	:	:	:
	: fibers, or subject to cotton or man-made fiber restraints,	:	:	:
	: the foregoing described in U.S. note 15(b) to this	:	:	:
	: subchapter and imported into the customs territory of the :	:	:	:
	: United States in aggregate quantities not to exceed the	:	:	:
	: quantities set forth in U.S. note 15(c) to this subchapter . . .	:	:	: Free"
	:	:	:	:

Section B. Effective with respect to originating goods of El Salvador under the terms of general note 29 to the tariff schedule that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after March 1, 2006, and effective with respect to originating goods of Honduras or Nicaragua under the terms of general note 29 to the tariff schedule that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 1, 2006, the HTS is modified as follows:

1. U.S. note 20(a) to subchapter XXII of chapter 98 of the HTS is modified by redesignating item 70 in the table in such subdivision as item 71, and by inserting in numerical sequence in that table the following new item:

“(70) 5205.42.00, 5205.43.00, 5205.44.00, 5205.46.00, 5205.47.00	Compacted, plied, ring-spun 100 percent cotton yarns, of number 42 through 102 metric”
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2. General note 29(n) to the HTS is modified by deleting from tariff classification rule 32 to chapter 62 the number “6208.91.00,” and by inserting in lieu thereof “6208.91.30,”.

Annex II

Modifications to the Rates of Duty 1-Special Subcolumn of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS)

Section A. Effective with respect to originating goods under the terms of general note 29 to the tariff schedule that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 1, 2006:

(1). The Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn for the following subheadings is modified by deleting “See 9915.04.80, 9915.04.81, 9915.04.90 (P+)” and inserting “See 9915.04.80, 9915.04.81, 9915.04.90, 9915.04.99 (P+)” in lieu thereof.

0406.10.08	0406.30.91
0406.10.88	0406.90.97
0406.20.91	

(2). The Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn is modified by inserting in such subcolumn, for each of the subheadings listed in Column A below, the phrase in Column B opposite such subheading.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
2008.11.15	See 9915.20.05-9915.20.20 (P+)

(3). Additional U.S. note 4 to chapter 9 is modified by adding “Honduras, Nicaragua” to the end of the list of countries.

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Section B(i). Effective with respect to goods of a party to the Agreement as defined in general note 29(a) to the tariff schedule that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after April 1, 2006, and on January 1 of each of the successive years, for each of the enumerated subheadings in the following table, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn in the HTS is modified (i) by inserting in such subcolumn for each subheading the rate of duty specified for such subheading in the April 1, 2006 column followed by the symbol "P+" in parentheses, and (ii) for each of the subsequent dated columns the rates of duty that are followed by the symbol "P+" in parentheses are deleted and the rates of duty for such dated column are inserted in such subheadings in lieu thereof for the years 2006 through 2015. For subheadings with staging beyond 2015 see section B(ii) of this Annex.

HTS Subheading	Base Rate	April 1, 2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
9915.20.10	131.8%	123%	114.2%	105.4%	96.6%	87.8%	79%	70.2%	61.5%	52.7%	43.9%
9915.20.20	131.8%	131.8%	131.8%	131.8%	131.8%	131.8%	118.6%	116.4%	114.2%	112%	109.8%

Section B(ii). Effective with respect to goods of a party to the Agreement as defined in general note 29(a) to the tariff schedule that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2016, and on January 1 of each of the successive years, for each of the enumerated subheadings in the following table, the Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn in the HTS is modified (i) by inserting in such subcolumn for each subheading the rate of duty specified for such subheading in the January 1, 2016 column followed by the symbol "P+" in parentheses, and (ii) for each of the subsequent dated columns the rates of duty that are followed by the symbol "P+" in parentheses are deleted and the rates of duty for such dated column are inserted in such subheadings in lieu thereof for the years 2016 through 2025. For staging of the enumerated subheadings in this table prior to 2016 see section B(i) of this Annex.

HTS Subheading	Base Rate	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
9915.20.10	131.8%	35.1%	26.3%	17.5%	8.7%	Free
9915.20.20	131.8%	83.4%	79%	74.6%	70.2%	Free

Section C. Effective with respect to goods of a party to the Agreement as defined in general note 29(a) to the tariff schedule that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2020, the HTS is modified as follows:

The Rates of Duty 1-Special subcolumn for subheading 2008.11.15 is modified by deleting the “(P+)” and the phrase preceding such symbol.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

MAR 24 2006

The Honorable Stephen Koplan
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Koplan:

The U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) played an important role in supporting the negotiation of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR). I appreciate the tremendous efforts the Commission made in connection with this agreement and the significant assistance that the Commission continues to provide in support of the Administration's other major negotiations.

President Bush is expected to proclaim preferential tariff treatment to implement the CAFTA-DR with respect to Honduras and Nicaragua effective as of April 1, 2006. USTR staff has worked closely with Commission staff on drafts of the modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) that the President will proclaim to implement the CAFTA-DR with respect to Honduras and Nicaragua. The texts of these tariff modifications are enclosed. I anticipate that subsequent proclamations will implement the CAFTA-DR's preferential tariff treatment with respect to other CAFTA-DR countries.

Accordingly, I request that the Commission publish as a formal Commission publication those changes to the HTSUS that the President will proclaim to implement the CAFTA-DR with respect to Honduras and Nicaragua. I understand that the Commission will make this publication available to the public and that the proclaimed tariff modifications will be posted to the Commission's website. In addition, the Federal Depository Libraries will receive this information. I request that the Commission publish this document and transmit copies of the publication to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative as quickly as possible.

The Commission's willingness to use the most efficient, cost-effective means to inform the public of proclaimed tariff modifications greatly assists our efforts to put this important agreement into force.

Sincerely,


Rob Portman

Enclosure

CHAIRMAN



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20436

March 29, 2006

The Honorable Robert Portman
United States Trade Representative
600 Seventeenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508

Dear Ambassador Portman:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 2006, requesting that the Commission publish the text of the modifications to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States that the President will proclaim in connection with the entry into force of the Dominican Republic--Central America--United States Free Trade Agreement with respect to Honduras and Nicaragua.

We are publishing the text of these annexes as Commission Publication No. 3845 and will place the publication on the Commission's internet site as soon as possible. The Commission will make the document available to the public and to U.S. government depository libraries as you have requested.

If we may be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Koplan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Koplan