



MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
SINGAPORE

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The Honorable Susan C. Schwab  
United States Trade Representative  
600 17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20508  
USA

Dear *Ambassador Schwab,*

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 10, 2006, which reads as follows:

I have the honor to confirm the agreement, as set forth below, reached between the delegations of the United States of America ("United States") and Singapore, pursuant to Article 3.18.4(c) of the United States – Singapore Free Trade Agreement ("USSFTA"), to modify certain textile and apparel rules of origin contained in Annex 3A of the USSFTA. The modifications would liberalize the rules of origin for certain apparel goods, including women's and girls' knit blouses, shirts, lingerie, and underwear. Specifically, the following bilaterally agreed rules shall be added to Annex 3A of the USSFTA.

**Rule Applicable to Certain Apparel Made From Certain Ring Spun Yarns**

A change to women's and girls' knit blouses, shirts, lingerie, and underwear from ring spun single yarn of nm 51 and 85, containing 50 percent or more, but less than 85 percent, by weight of 0.9 denier or finer micro modal fiber, mixed solely with U.S. origin extra long pima cotton, classified in subheading 5510.30.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS").

**Rule Applicable to Apparel Other than Gloves Made From Certain Cotton Flannel**

A change to apparel, other than gloves, from 100 percent cotton woven flannel fabrics, of yarns of different colors, containing ring-spun yarns of nm 21 through nm 36, of 2 X 2 twill weave construction, classified in subheading 5208.43.0000 of the HTSUS.

**Rule Applicable to Women's and Girls' Blouses Made From Certain Cotton/MMF Fabrics**

A change to women's and girls' blouses of heading 62.06 from fabrics classified in subheadings 5210.21 and 5210.31 of the HTSUS, not of square construction, containing more than 70 warp ends and filling picks per square centimeter, of average yarn number exceeding 70 nm.

**Rule Applicable to Apparel Made From Certain Viscose Yarns**

A change to apparel from micro-denier 30 singles and 36 singles solution dyed, open-end spun, staple spun viscose yarn, classified in subheading 5510.11.0000.

I have the honor to request that you confirm that your government confirms its agreement to the modifications to the USSFTA set out above and to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement to amend the USSFTA pursuant to Article 21.8 of the USSFTA. I have the further honor to inform you that the United States has completed the necessary internal legal procedures and to propose that this amendment enter into force on August 1, 2006.

I have the honor to inform you that my government confirms its agreement to the modifications of the rules of origin of the USSFTA as set forth in your letter. I have the further honor to inform you that Singapore has completed its necessary internal legal procedures related to this amendment and agrees that this amendment of the USSFTA shall enter into force on August 1, 2006.

Yours *sincerely,*



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