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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS

FROM: Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: Amendments to the African Growth and Opportunity Act and
the Generalized System of Preferences, and Technical
Corrections Affecting Certain Textile Products

Presidential Proclamation 8240, published in the Federal Register on April 1, 2008 (73 FR 21515), amends the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) as discussed in further detail below. These changes will be reflected in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

Modifications to the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and Generalized System of Preferences (GSP)

(1) Togo is designated as an eligible sub-Saharan African country and as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country for purposes of the AGOA, effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after May 21, 2008. In order for Togo to be eligible for textile and apparel benefits under AGOA, they must establish a visa system. A separate notice will be issued if Togo chooses to establish a visa system to get the textile and apparel benefits.

(2) For purposes of section 112(c) of the AGOA, as amended, Togo is a lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African country. In order to provide the tariff treatment intended under section 112 of the AGOA, as amended, the HTS is modified as set forth in the Annex to the attached proclamation.

(3) The Solomon Islands is designated as a least-developed beneficiary developing country for purposes of the GSP program, effective with respect to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after June 25, 2008.

(4) For purposes of the GSP program, in order to provide the intended tariff treatment for imports from Jamaica, under HTS subheading 2202.90.37, general note 4(d) is modified by adding in numerical order "2202.90.37" and by inserting "Jamaica" next to "2202.90.37."

(5) For purposes of the GSP program, in order to provide the intended tariff treatment for imports from Colombia, under HTS subheading 1701.11.05, general note 4(d) is modified by deleting "Colombia" from the list of countries enumerated next to HTS subheading "1701.11.05."

Technical Corrections to Certain Textile Goods

In order to conform the HTS to the Convention, additional U.S. note 3(d) to subchapter XX of chapter 98 and additional U.S. note 4(d) to subchapter XXI of chapter 98 of the HTS are each modified by deleting "5402.10.30, 5402.10.60," each place it occurs and by inserting in lieu thereof "5402.11.30, 5402.11.60, 5402.19.30, 5402.19.60," in each case.

Please pass this memorandum and the attached Presidential Proclamation to the Assistant Director Field Office, Trade; Port Directors; Assistant Port Directors; Supervisory Import Specialists; Trade Agreement Coordinators; Import Specialists; brokers; importers and other interested parties.

Please direct questions concerning the textile modifications to Mr. Robert Abels, Textile Operations Branch Chief, at (202) 863-6503. All other questions may be directed to Ms. Heather Sykes, International Coordination Branch, at (202) 863-6099.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda B. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brenda B. Smith