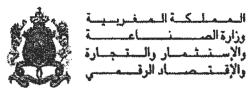
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The Honorable Robert E. LIGHTHIZER United States Trade Representative Washington, D. C. 20508 United States of America

<u>Subject:</u> Request to modify the rules of origin for certain apparel articles under the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

Dear Mr. LIGHTHIZER,

On behalf of GOTTEX SWIMWEAR BRANDS LTD company, located in Morocco, I hereby submit this request regarding the amendment of rules of origin applicable to apparel articles, to allow the use of certain third country fabrics not commercially available in the countries of Morocco and the United States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.3 of the US-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

GOTTEX SWIMWEAR BRANDS LTD is a leading fashion swimwear manufacturer and the majority of its swimwear for the U.S. market is manufactured in its operations in Morocco. Most of the fabrics utilized for its products are specialized and trademarked fabrics included in the SENSITIVE<sup>®</sup> line produced by the Italian manufacturer EUROJERSEY, using trademarked elastomeric yarns (LYCRA<sup>®</sup>) produced at the Italian facility owned by U.S.-based yarn producer INVISTA.

GOTTEX SWIMWEAR BRANDS LTD fabric concerned by the rule of origin change under the US-Morocco FTA is the one below. This fabric is not available in Morocco or the United States.

No	Item description	HTS	End use
	Printed and piece-dyed warp knit fabrics of polyester or nylon fibers (commining between 6% and 41% electometric yarns), electometric yarns is classified under subheading 6004,10		Women's or girls' swimwear classified in subheading 6112.41

We would appreciate the attention of your good offices to consider this request at an early opportunity and believe that by working cooperatively we can accelerate the process to ensure mutual benefit for both Moroccan and US companies.

Sincerely yours,

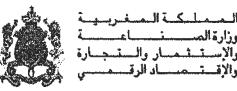
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Mr. Lloyd WOOD, Deputy Assistant Secretary Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements Room H3 100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230 United States of America

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