

COURTESY TRANSLATION

August 5, 2004

The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the delegations of the United States and the Dominican Republic in the course of negotiations regarding the Dominican Republic – Central America – United States Free Trade Agreement signed this day (the “Agreement”):

The Dominican Republic shall ensure that, by the date of entry into force of the Agreement, its import licensing system for U.S. agricultural goods is transparent and that import licenses are issued in a timely and nondiscriminatory manner. In particular, the Dominican Republic shall not grant or deny import licenses based on sanitary or phytosanitary concerns, domestic purchasing requirements, or discretionary criteria. The Dominican Republic shall enforce any sanitary or phytosanitary measures that it imposes separately from its import-licensing system.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

Sonia Guzmán de Hernández

August 5, 2004

The Honorable Sonia Guzmán de Hernández
Secretary of State of Industry and Commerce
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Dear Secretary Guzmán:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

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I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.”

I have the honor to confirm that the understanding referred to in your letter is shared by my Government, and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick