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His Excellency Herminio Blanco Mendoza
Secretary of Commerce and Industrial Development
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

I have the honor to confirm the understanding, as set forth in the Annexes to this letter, reached by the delegations of Canada, the United Mexican States and the United States of America in the Working Group on Rules of Origin, established pursuant to Article 513 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "NAFTA"), to make technical rectifications to Annexes 401 and 403.1 of the NAFTA. These technical rectifications do not constitute substantial changes to the NAFTA, and have the sole purpose of establishing consistency between the Annexes and the Parties' tariff laws.

I confirm that this letter in the English and French languages, both versions being equally authentic, and its Annexes, and your letter, together with your letter to Ambassador Barshefsky and her letter of confirmation in reply, shall constitute an agreement among our three governments. I further confirm that this agreement shall enter into force on March 1, 2000, on an exchange of written notifications certifying the completion of each Party's applicable legal procedures.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pierre S. Pettigrew".

Pierre S. Pettigrew

Enclosure

c.c. Her Excellency Ambassador Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative