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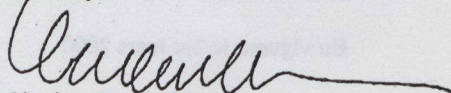
The Honorable Herminio Blanco Mendoza
Secretary of Trade and Industrial Development
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Dear Secretary Blanco:

I have the honor to confirm the understanding, as set forth in the Annexes to this letter, reached by the delegations of the United States of America, Canada, and the United Mexican States in the Working Group on Rules of Origin, established pursuant to Article 513 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (hereinafter referred 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 and its Annexes, and your letter, together with your letter to Minister Pettigrew and his 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 the exchange of written notifications certifying the completion of each Party's applicable legal procedures.

Sincerely,



Charlene Barshefsky

cc: The Honorable Pierre Pettigrew