

ANNEX I: U.S. IMPORTS OF GSP-ELIGIBLE ITEMS FROM BANGLADESH—Continued

[The tariff nomenclature in the U.S. Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) for the subheadings listed below is definitive; the product descriptions in this list are for informational purposes only.]

HTS sub-heading	Article description	2003 dollar value
19019090	Flour-, meal-, starch-, malt extract-or dairy-based food preps not containing cocoa and not containing specific amounts of dairy, nesoi.	6,615
10063010	Rice semi-milled or wholly milled, whether or not polished or glazed, parboiled	6,565
46021016	Baskets and bags of rattan or palm leaf other than wickerwork	6,520
10062040	Husked (brown) rice, other than Basmati	6,434
07133920	Dried beans nesi, shelled, if entered for consumption from May 1 through August 31, inclusive, in any year	5,663
62171085	Headbands, ponytail holders and similar articles, of textile materials containing < 70% by weight of silk, not knit/crochet.	5,432
41079180	Full grain unsplit bovine (not buffalo) & equine leather, not whole, w/o hair on, nesoi, fancy, prepared after tanning or crusting, not 4114.	5,245
17049035	Sugar confections or sweetmeats ready for consumption, not containing cocoa, other than candied nuts or cough drops.	4,723
07112038	Olives, n/pitted, nesoi	4,419
63049925	Wall hangings of jute, excluding those of heading 9404	3,997
40159000	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, excluding gloves, of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber	3,411
17039030	Molasses, other than cane, imported for (a) the commercial extraction of sugar or (b) human consumption	3,340
04069025	Gjetost cheese, made from goats' milk, whey or whey obtained from a mixture of goats' & n/o 20% cows milk, not grated, powdered or processed.	3,084
56089030	Knotted netting of twine, cordage or rope or other made-up nets (not fish netting and nets) of textile materials (not cotton/manmade mat.).	2,985
17023040	Glucose and glucose syrup, not containing fructose or in the dry state less than 20 percent by weight of fructose, nesi.	2,808
07132020	Dried chickpeas (garbanzos), shelled	2,795
69139050	Ceramic (o/than porcelain, china or earthenware) ornamental articles, nesoi	2,770
46021045	Basketwork and other articles, neosi, of one or more of bamboo, rattan, willow or wood	2,762
41044120	Crust whole bovine hide and skin leather (not upper or lining), w/o hair on, surface n/o 2.6 sq m, tanned but not further prepared.	2,600
10064000	Broken rice	2,424
03037500	Dogfish and other sharks, frozen, excluding filets, livers, roes and fish meat of 0304	2,396
20019060	Fruits, nuts, and other edible parts of plants, nesi, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid	2,198
19023000	Pasta nesi	2,100
50079030	Woven silk fabrics, containing 85 percent or more by weight of silk or silk waste, nesoi	1,732
39241020	Plates, cups, saucers, soup bowls, cereal bowls, sugar bowls, creamers, gravy boats, serving dishes and platters, of plastics.	1,501
39241040	Tableware and kitchenware articles, nesoi, of plastics	1,070
67010030	Articles of feathers or down (other than articles & apparel filled or stuffed with feathers/down and worked quills & scapes).	784
62141010	Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like, not knitted or crocheted, containing 70% or more silk or silk waste.	660
39264000	Statuettes and other ornamental articles, of plastics	389
62160046	Gloves, mittens & mitts, for sports use, incl. ski & snowmobile, of man-made fibers, not impregnated/coated with plastics or rubber.	315

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Trade Policy Staff Committee; Initiation of Environmental Review of the Free Trade Negotiations With Certain Andean Countries; Public Comments on Scope of Environmental Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and request for
comments.

SUMMARY: This publication gives notice
that, pursuant to authority delegated by

the President in Executive Order 13277 (67 FR 70305) and consistent with Executive Order 13141 (64 FR 63169) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79442), the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), through the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is initiating an environmental review of the proposed United States Free Trade Agreement with certain Andean countries (Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia). The TPSC is requesting written comments from the public on what should be included in the scope of the environmental review, including the potential environmental effects that might flow from the free trade agreement and the potential implications for U.S. environmental

laws and regulations, and identification of complementarities between trade and environmental objectives such as the promotion of sustainable development. The TPSC also welcomes public views on appropriate methodologies and sources of data for conducting the review. Persons submitting written comments should provide as much detail as possible on the degree to which the subject matter they propose for inclusion in the review may raise significant environmental issues in the context of the negotiation.

DATES: Public comments should be received no later than May 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Submissions by electronic mail: FR0422@ustr.gov.

Submissions by facsimile: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, at (202) 395-6143.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For procedural questions concerning public comments, contact Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, TPSC, Office of the USTR, 1724 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, telephone (202) 395-3475. Questions concerning the environmental review should be addressed to David J. Brooks, Office of Environment and Natural Resources, USTR, telephone (202) 395-7320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background Information

On November 18, 2003, in accordance with section 2104(a)(1) of the Trade Act of 2002, the United States Trade Representative, Ambassador Robert B. Zoellick, notified Congress of the President's intent to enter into trade negotiations with the Andean Countries of Colombia, Peru, Ecuador and Bolivia. Ambassador Zoellick outlined specific U.S. objectives for these negotiations in the notification letters to Congress. Copies of the letters are available at http://www.ustr.gov/new/fta/Andean/2003-11-18-notification_letter.pdf.

The TPSC invited the public (69 FR 7532) to provide written comments and/or oral testimony at a public hearing that took place on March 17-18, 2004, to assist USTR in amplifying and clarifying negotiating objectives for the proposed FTA and to provide advice on how specific goods and services and other matters should be treated under the proposed agreement.

As a destination for U.S. exports, the Andeans collectively represented a market of about \$7 billion in 2003. The stock of U.S. foreign direct investment in the Andean countries was \$4.5 billion in 2003. The combination of the size of the market and the current barriers to market access point to significant unrealized potential for U.S. exporters and investors. Market access gains are expected in a broad range of agricultural and industrial sectors, as well as in services. The United States recognizes that economic development in the Andean region provides economic alternatives to the illegal drug trade, promotes socio-economic development and strengthens democratic institutions in the region.

2. Environmental Review

USTR, through the TPSC, will perform an environmental review of the agreement pursuant to the authority delegated by the President in Executive Orders 13277 (67 FR 70305) and 13141 (64 FR 63169) and its implementing guidelines (65 FR 79442).

Environmental reviews are used to identify potentially significant, reasonably foreseeable environmental impacts (both positive and negative), and information from the review can help facilitate consideration of appropriate responses where impacts are identified. Reviews address potential environmental impacts of the proposed agreement and potential implications for environmental laws and regulations. The focus of the review is on impacts in the United States, although global and transboundary impacts may be considered, where appropriate and prudent.

3. Requirements for Submissions

In order to facilitate prompt processing of submissions, USTR strongly urges and prefers electronic (e-mail) submissions in response to this notice.

Persons making submissions by e-mail should use the following subject line: "United States—Andean FTA Environmental Review" followed by "Written Comments." Documents should be submitted as either WordPerfect, MSWord, or text (.TXT) files. Supporting documentation submitted as spreadsheets are acceptable as Quattro Pro or Excel. For any document containing business confidential information submitted electronically, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BC-", and the file name of the public version should begin with the characters "P-". The "P-" or "BC-" should be followed by the name of the submitter. Persons who make submissions by e-mail should not provide separate cover letters; information that might appear in a cover letter should be included in the submission itself. To the extent possible, any attachments to the submission should be included in the same file as the submission itself, and not as separate files.

Written comments submitted in response to this request will be placed in a file open to public inspection pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.5, except business confidential information exempt from public inspection in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6. Business confidential information submitted in accordance with 15 CFR 2003.6 must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" at the top of each page, including any cover letter or cover page, and must be accompanied by a nonconfidential summary of the confidential information. All public documents and nonconfidential summaries shall be available for public inspection in the USTR Reading Room.

The USTR Reading Room is open to the public, by appointment only, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. An appointment to review the file must be scheduled at least 48 hours in advance and may be made by calling (202) 395-6186.

USTR also welcomes and will take into account the public comments on Andean FTA environmental issues submitted in response to a previous notice—the **Federal Register** notice dated February 17, 2004 (69 FR 7532)—requesting comments from the public to assist USTR in formulating positions and proposals with respect to all aspects of the negotiations, including environmental issues. These comments will also be made available for public inspection.

General information concerning the Office of the United States Trade Representative may be obtained by accessing its Internet Web site (www.ustr.gov).

Carmen Suro-Bredie,

Chair, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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