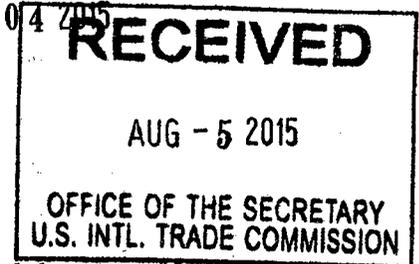


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THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
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The Honorable Meredith Broadbent
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
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Washington, D.C. 20436

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Office of the Secretary Int'l Trade Commission	



Dear Chairman Broadbent:

Section 103(a) of the *Bipartisan Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015* provides that the President may enter into trade agreements regarding tariff barriers, if the President determines that existing duties of any foreign country or the United States are unduly burdening and restricting U.S. trade. Further, this section permits the President to proclaim changes to duties the President determines to be required or appropriate to carry out any such trade agreement, subject to the requirement in section 131 of the Trade Act of 1974 to obtain advice regarding the proposed modifications from the U.S. International Trade Commission.

In 2012, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders endorsed an APEC List of Environmental Goods, which includes 54 goods on which the Leaders agreed to reduce applied duties to 5 percent or less by the end of 2015, as reflected in the enclosed document.

Under authority delegated by the President, and pursuant to section 131 of the Trade Act of 1974, I request that the Commission provide advice on the probable economic effects of the modifications of tariffs for the products reflected in the enclosed proposal on industries producing like or directly competitive articles, and on consumers.

In accordance with USTR policy on implementing Executive Order 13526, as amended, I direct you to mark or identify as "confidential," for a period of ten years, such portions of the Commission's report and working papers that contain the Commission's advice and assessment of probable economic effects on domestic industries producing like or directly competitive articles, on U.S. imports, and on U.S. consumers. Consistent with the Executive Order, this information is being classified on the basis that it concerns economic matters relating to the national security. In addition, USTR considers the Commission's report to be an inter-agency memorandum that will contain pre-decisional advice and be subject to the deliberative process privilege.

I request that you submit an outline of this report as soon as possible to enable USTR officials to provide you with further guidance on its classification, including the extent to which portions of the report will require classification and for how long. Based on this outline, an appropriate USTR official will provide you with written instructions. All confidential business information contained in the report should also be clearly identified.

I request that the Commission provide this advice at the earliest possible date, but no later than three months after the date of this request.

The Commission's assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael B. G. Froman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman

Enclosure: Product Scope

Among the 54 APEC environmental goods endorsed, USTR requests the Commission's advice with respect to the following six products:

HS Code 4418.72.95	Assembled flooring panels, multilayer, other than those having a face ply more than 6mm in thickness, other than unidirectional bamboo
HS Code 8404.20.00	Condensers for steam or other vapor power units
HS Code 8406.90.20	Parts of steam turbines, rotors, finished for final assembly
HS Code 8406.90.30	Parts of steam turbines, rotors not further advanced than cleaned or machined for removal of fins, gates, sprues, and risers, or to permit location in finishing machinery
HS Code 8406.90.40	Parts of steam turbines, blades, rotating or stationary
HS Code 8406.90.45	Parts of steam turbines, other