

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND TRADE

CANBERRA

EXCHANGE OF NOTES AMENDING ANNEX 4-A
OF
THE AUSTRALIA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE
AGREEMENT (Done at Washington *on 18 May 2004*)

Canberra/Washington, TBA

Not yet in force

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Ambassador Ron Kirk
United States Trade Representative
Office of the United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20508
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Ambassador Kirk

I have the honour to refer to the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement (the Agreement), done at Washington D.C. on 18 May 2004, and to negotiations held in 2008 between officials of our Governments concerning the desirability of amending the rules of origin for Tariff Classifications 5501 – 5511 concerning yarns made of mixed synthetic staple fibres contained in Annex 4-A of the Agreement.

Following these negotiations, I have the honour to propose on behalf of the Government of Australia that in accordance with Article 23.3 of Chapter 23 of the Agreement, this letter, together with a letter in reply from you accepting this proposal, shall constitute an agreement in writing to amend the Agreement by making tariff adjustments as follows:

Existing Product Specific Rules (PSR) for 5501-5511, contained in Annex 4-A (Textile or Apparel Specific Rules of Origin), shall be deleted and replaced by three (3) new PSRs as follows:

5501.00 – 5510.30 A change to subheading 5501.00 through 5510.30 from any other chapter, except from heading 5201 through 5203 or 5401 through 5405.

5510.90 A change to subheading 5510.90 from subheading 5504.10, or from any other chapter, except from heading 5201 through 5203 or 5401 through 5405.

5511 A change to heading 5511 from any other chapter, except from heading 5201 through 5203 or 5401 through 5405.

If you accept my proposal on behalf of the Government of the United States of America to amend Product Specific Rules (PSR) for 5501-5511 contained in Annex 4-A (Textile or Apparel Specific Rules of Origin) of the Agreement referred to above, I have the further honour to propose that the Amendment shall enter into force after the Parties complete any necessary internal requirements for entry into force and on such date as the Parties may agree.

Accept, Your Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

SIMON CREAN