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TO: All Directors, Field Operations
All Port Directors

FROM: Director, Trade Programs

SUBJECT: TBT-00-027 Guyana Eligible for the Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) for Textile and Apparel Products

REFERENCE: TBT-00-023-01

PASS TO: Assistant Port Directors, Trade, National Import Specialists, Import Specialists, Inspectors, Entry Specialists, Brokers and Importers

BACKGROUND:

Title II of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 ("the Act"), which was signed into law on May 18, 2000, authorized the expansion of trade benefits to designated countries in the Caribbean Basin. This trade program provides for the entry of specific textile and apparel articles free of duty and free of any quantitative restrictions, limitations or consultation levels, as well as other benefits to non-textile products.

Presidential Proclamation 7351 delegated to the United States Trade Representative (USTR) the authority to determine whether the designated CBTPA beneficiary countries have implemented and follow, or are making substantial progress toward implementing and following, the Customs procedures required by the CBTPA. The President directed the USTR to announce any such determinations in the **Federal Register** and to implement any such determinations in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Based on information and commitments provided by the Government of Guyana, it has been determined that Guyana is making substantial progress toward implementing and following the Customs procedures required by the CBTPA.

Therefore, per the November 21, 2000 **Federal Register** Notice, claims for qualifying CBTPA for articles entered or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption on or after November 9, 2000, will now be accepted.

Below is a list of the 11 countries now eligible for entry under CBTPA for textile and apparel products:

Belize	Haiti
Costa Rica	Honduras
Dominican Republic	Jamaica
El Salvador	Nicaragua
Guatemala	Panama
Guyana	

ACTION:

For imports of textile and apparel articles that were entered on or after November 9, 2000, claims for preferential tariff treatment under CBTPA may be made if all necessary requirements are met for the Guyana.

INFORMATION:

If you have any questions concerning this trade program with respect to textiles and apparel products, please call Susan Thomas at (202) 927-3719, Gina Tayler at (202) 927-4882, Cherie Parsons at (202) 927-7002 or Bob Abels at (202) 927-1959.

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