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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTORS, FIELD OPERATIONS
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS, TRADE, FIELD OPERATIONS
OFFICE OF FIELD OPERATIONS

FROM: Executive Director, Trade Policy and Programs
Office of International Trade

SUBJECT: INFO: TBT-08-016 Amendment to the African Growth and
Opportunity Act (AGOA) Visa Arrangement for Textile and
Apparel Products

REFERENCE: TBT-07-011 African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) Entry
Processing Update for Certain Textile and Apparel Products

TBT-07-011, dated June 22, 2007, notes that sub-Saharan countries could not make claims under the AGOA using subheading 9819.11.33 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) because none of the countries was eligible for that provision. However, on May 30, 2008, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) notified each of the governments eligible for preferential tariff treatment under the AGOA, by virtue of its having a visa arrangement with the United States, that it is now eligible to enter textile articles under subheading 9819.11.33.

The goods eligible for classification under this subheading are textile articles of Chapters 50 through 60 and 63 of the HTS. The visa arrangement includes a new grouping number, 0 (zero), to identify these products.

Following are the countries with visa arrangements that are thereby eligible to enter goods under subheading 9819.11.33.

Benin	Botswana	Burkina Faso	Cameroon
Cape Verde	Chad	Ethiopia	Gambia
Ghana	Kenya	Lesotho	Madagascar
Malawi	Mali	Mauritius	Mozambique
Namibia	Niger	Nigeria	Rwanda
Senegal	Sierra Leone	South Africa	Swaziland
Tanzania	Uganda	Zambia	

Please pass this memorandum to Port Directors, Assistant Port Directors, Import Specialists, CBP Officers, Entry Specialists, Brokers, Importers and other interested parties.

INFORMATION:

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