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Statement from Gretchen Hamel, USTR spokeswoman, on the issuance of Ag and NAMA Doha texts:

“We have received the revised draft texts released today by the chairs of the Agriculture and NAMA negotiating groups. The revised draft texts are wide-ranging and complex, and we are analyzing both closely. During this period the Administration will continue to work closely with Congress and our key domestic stakeholders.

“At the core of any breakthrough must be a strong outcome addressing each of the three market access pillars of the Doha Round, so crucial to the promotion of global economic growth – agriculture, manufacturing, and services. It must also set the course for achieving meaningful results in the remaining components of the Round.

“As noted by President Bush in his State of the Union address, the United States is committed to the conclusion of a strong Doha Round in 2008, and will provide the leadership necessary to achieve this objective. We look forward to each of our key trading partners making similar contributions to ensure success.”

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