

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

March 25, 2013

The Honorable Irving A. Williamson
Chairman
U.S. International Trade Commission
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20436

Dear Chairman Williamson:

On March 20, 2013, I notified Congress of the President's intent to enter into negotiations with the European Union (EU) on a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement. Accordingly, under authority delegated by the President and pursuant to section 131 of the Trade Act of 1974, I request that the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) provide a report containing its advice as to the probable economic effect of providing duty-free treatment for imports of products from all of the EU member states on (i) industries in the United States producing like or directly competitive products, and (ii) consumers. This analysis should consider each article in chapters 1 through 97 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) for which U.S. tariffs will remain, taking into account implementation of U.S. commitments in the World Trade Organization. The advice should be based on the HTS in effect during 2013 and trade data for 2012.

The advice with respect to the removal of U.S. tariffs on imports from all of the EU member states should assume that any known U.S. non-tariff barrier will not be applicable to such imports. The Commission is requested to note in its report any instance in which the continued application of a U.S. non-tariff barrier would result in different advice with respect to the effect of the removal of the tariff.

In addition, I request the Commission to prepare an assessment, as described in section 2104(b)(2) of the Trade Act of 2002, of the probable economic effects of eliminating tariffs on imports from all of the EU member states of those agricultural products described in the list attached to this letter on (i) industries in the United States producing the product concerned, and (ii) the U.S. economy as a whole.

I request that the Commission provide its report containing such advice and assessment as soon as possible, but in any event no later than six months after receipt of this request letter.

In accordance with Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) policy on implementing Executive Order 13526, as amended, entitled "Classified National Security Information" and published January 5, 2010, I direct you to mark or identify as "confidential," for a period of ten years, such portions of the Commission's report and its working papers that relate to the advice and assessment of probable economic effects. Consistent with the Executive Order, this information will be classified on the basis that it concerns economic matters relating to the national security of the United States. USTR also 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 also request that you submit an outline of this report as soon as possible to enable an appropriate USTR official with original classification authority to provide you with further written guidance on its classification, including the extent to which portions of the report will require classification and for how long. The Commission's assistance in this matter, and its continuing cooperation and support for our negotiating efforts, are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Demetrios Marantis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D" and a long, sweeping tail.

Ambassador Demetrios Marantis
Acting United States Trade Representative