

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

NOV 19 2006

H.E. German Gref
Minister
Ministry of Economic Development and Trade
of the Russian Federation

Dear Minister Gref:

Thank you for your letter regarding the tariff treatment of combine harvester-threshers (HS 8433.5100.09) and self-propelled forage harvesters (HS 8433.5911.09). I was pleased to receive your assurances that application of temporary tariff measures on these goods will be terminated beginning March 1, 2007, but in no case later July 1, 2007. I understand that Russia will apply a duty of 5 percent ad valorem to these goods from then until the date on which the Russian Federation becomes a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO).

I am pleased to accept your assurances on this matter and look forward to working with you to complete the negotiations on Russia's accession to the WTO.

Please accept the assurances of my deepest respect.



Susan C. Schwab