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**June 18, 2004**

**RULES OF ORIGIN SIDE LETTER**

H.E. Abdulla Hassan Saif  
Minister of Finance and National Economy

Dear Minister Saif:

In connection with signing on this date of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (the “Agreement”), I have the honor to confirm the following understanding:

For purposes of determining whether a good is a “new or different article of commerce that has been grown, produced, or manufactured” for the purposes of Article 1(a) of Chapter [ ] (Rules of Origin) of the Agreement, the Parties should be guided by the specific rules in tariff classification set forth in section 102.20 of the United States Customs Regulations (19 CFR 102.20) (the “Specific Rules”), as may be amended.

The United States will afford the Government of Bahrain the opportunity to comment on any proposed revisions to the Specific Rules. Furthermore, officials of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and other appropriate U.S. Government agencies will meet with officials of the Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ and representatives from other competent authorities of the Government of Bahrain to discuss any concerns of your Government regarding any proposed revisions.

I look forward to receiving your confirmation that your Government shares this understanding.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick

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**June 28, 2004**

The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick  
U.S. Trade Representative  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

I am pleased to receive your letter of today's date, which reads as follows:

“In connection with signing on this date of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement (the “Agreement”), I have the honor to confirm the following understanding:

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The United States will afford the Government of Bahrain the opportunity to comment on any proposed revisions to the Specific Rules. Furthermore, officials of the Office of the United States Trade Representative, and other appropriate U.S. Government agencies will meet with officials of the Ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ and representatives from other competent authorities of the Government of Bahrain to discuss any concerns of your Government regarding any proposed revisions.”

I have the honor to confirm that the understanding expressed in your letter is shared by my Government.

Sincerely,

Abdulla Hassan Saif