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Mr. William A. Reinsch
President
National Foreign Trade Council, Inc.
1625 K Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20006-1604

Dear Mr. Reinsch:

Thank you for your letter of April 8, 2010, regarding an increase of the fiscal year (FY) 2010 sugar tariff-rate quotas (TRQs).

On April 23, 2010, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced a 200,000 short tons raw value increase in the FY 2010 raw sugar TRQ. This action was taken after a determination that additional supplies of raw cane sugar were required in the U.S. market. USDA believes the market will be adequately supplied with this action. However, the Department will continue to closely monitor stocks, consumption, imports, and all sugar market and program variables on an ongoing basis and could make adjustments during the remainder of the year, as needed, to ensure an adequate supply of sugar for the domestic market. Our goal is to maintain a balanced market for sugar by assuring adequate supplies at reasonable prices while avoiding forfeitures.

As always, I appreciate your sharing the views of the National Foreign Trade Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Vilsack", written in a cursive style.

Thomas J. Vilsack
Secretary

Enclosure