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Mr. Leroy Jhon Sheffer
Chief of International Commercial Negotiations
Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Republic of Panama

Dear Mr. Sheffer:

I am pleased to confirm my understanding that Article 3.6 of the United States – Panama Trade Promotion Agreement requires the United States to give duty-free treatment to parts and equipment, regardless of their origin, used to repair a vessel temporarily exported from the United States to Panama when the vessel (together with the parts and equipment) re-enters the United States after the repair.

Sincerely,

Everett Eissenstat
Assistant U.S. Trade Representative
for the Americas