



NOTE NO. 270 / 2004

The Embassy of Australia presents its compliments to the Department of State of the United States of America and has the honour to refer to the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, done in Washington on 18 May 2004 (the "Agreement").

The Embassy refers to Article 23.4.1 of the Agreement on its entry into force by way of written notifications exchanged by Australia and the United States certifying completion of their respective necessary internal requirements.

The Embassy has the honour to confirm that Australia has completed its necessary internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement and proposes that the Agreement enter into force on the First day of January 2005.

The Embassy of Australia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of State of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.



17 November 2004

The Department of State acknowledges receipt of note No. 270/2004 from the Embassy of Australia, dated November 17, 2004, notifying the Government of the United States of America that the Government of Australia has completed its necessary internal requirements for entry into force of the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, done at Washington on May 18, 2004 (the "Agreement").

The Department of State is pleased to notify the Embassy, pursuant to Article 23.4.1 of the Agreement, that the Government of the United States of America has completed its necessary internal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement.

The Department of State accepts, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, the Embassy's proposal, pursuant to Article 23.4.1 of the Agreement, that the Agreement enter into force on January 1, 2005.

Department of State,

Washington, November 17, 2004.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be a stylized name, possibly "H. K.", written over a horizontal line.

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