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SIDE LETTER EXCHANGE
ON CERTIFICATE ACCOMPANYING U.S. BEEF AND POULTRY

[Date]

The Honorable Robert B. Zoellick
United States Trade Representative

Dear Ambassador Zoellick:

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

Beef and poultry imports must be accompanied by a veterinary certificate to be allowed entry into Morocco. Morocco's veterinary services, in cooperation with the Food Safety Inspection Service of the United States, will work together in good faith to define the content of the certificates that will accompany U.S. beef and poultry imports. Concerning the issue of residues of antibiotics, coccidiostatic substances, hormones, pesticides, radioactive elements, or medications, the Parties agree that the following language is acceptable for inclusion in the certificates, unless the language is changed upon further consultation and agreement between the Parties:

BEEF

"The meat comes from animals that received antemortem and postmortem inspection at the time of slaughter and was determined to be wholesome and free of disease. It contains no unauthorized preservatives or other additives or food colorings. It contains no harmful residues of antibiotics, coccidiostatic substances, hormones, pesticides, radioactive elements, or medications according to the national residue program. It has been prepared in an establishment that is inspected by the U.S. official inspection service and is suitable for human consumption."

POULTRY

"The poultry comes from birds that received antemortem and postmortem inspection at the time of slaughter and was determined to be wholesome and free of disease. It contains no unauthorized preservatives or other additives or food colorings. It contains no harmful residues of antibiotics, coccidiostatic substances, pesticides, radioactive elements, or medications according to the national residue program. It has been prepared in an establishment that is inspected by the U.S. official inspection service and is suitable for human consumption."

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I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an integral part of Section A of Chapter Three of the Agreement and shall enter into force on the entry into force of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

[Moroccan Government Official]

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[Date]

The Honorable [Moroccan Government Official]

Dear [Moroccan Government Official]:

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

“ – repeat text of above letter– ”

I have the honor to confirm that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an integral part of Section A of Chapter Three of the Agreement and shall enter into force on the entry into force of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Zoellick