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African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA) Annual Review

Dear Valued Customer,

The U.S. Trade Representative's (USTR) office has announced the start of the African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA) annual review of the eligibility of the sub-Saharan African countries to receive benefits. The AGOA Implementation Subcommittee of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (The Subcommittee) is developing recommendations for calendar year 2020. The Subcommittee is requesting comments from interested parties and will hold a public hearing on the matter.

The AGOA allows for the designation of sub-Saharan African countries as beneficiaries eligible for duty-free treatment on certain additional products not included under duty-free treatment of the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP); and for certain textile and apparel articles. To be considered for designation, the country must meet the eligibility criteria set forth in Section 104 of the AGOA ([here](#)) and Section 502 of the 1974 Trade Act ([here](#)). Section 506A of the 1974 Trade Act requires the President to monitor and review annually the status of designated sub-Saharan African countries.

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Docket No.: USTR-2019-0006

Dates:

August 14, 2019: Deadline for filing of request to appear at the August 27th public hearing, and for filing pre-hearing briefs, statements, or comments on sub-Saharan African countries' eligibility

August 27, 2019: Public hearing at 10:00 am in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20508, to receive testimony related to sub-Saharan African countries' eligibility for AGOA benefits

September 3, 2019: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs, statements, or comments

For additional information, the Federal Register notice can be found [here](#).

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson representative.

Sincerely,
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