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## Trade Agreement Updates

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

On December 30, 2019, the Federal Register published the Presidential changes to the African Growth & Opportunity Act (AGOA), the Africa Investment Incentive Act of 2006, the United States-Israel Free Trade Agreement (US-IFTA), the United States-Japan Trade Agreement (US-JPTA), the United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement (US-CFTA), and others:

- The Republic of Cameroon is terminated as a beneficiary sub-Saharan African country under AGOA, effective January 1, 2020;
- The Republic of Niger, the Central Africa Republic, and the Republic of The Gambia are removed as beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under Section 112(a) of the AGOA, effective January 1, 2020;
- Guinea-Bissau and the Republic of Niger are designated as lesser developed beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries under Section 112(c) of the AGOA;
- The modifications established with Israel concerning certain agricultural products is extended until December 31, 2020 [Calendar Year 2020 with quantities is added to U.S. Notes 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Subchapter VIII of Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) Chapter 99];
- The US-JPTA is implemented (refer to HTS Chapter 99, Subchapter XXI for notes on the agreement), effective January 1, 2020 [refer to CSMS Message No. 41149692 for claiming preferential duty treatment];
- The US-JPTA removes Japan 200 and its designated quantity from the beef quota under HTS Chapter 2 – Meat and Edible Meat Offal, Additional U.S. Note 3;
- Technical corrections are made to the rules of origin under the US-CFTA throughout various chapters in the HTS, to become effective April 1, 2020.

The Federal Register notice can be reviewed [here](#). The CSMS message is located [here](#).

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

Sincerely,  
C.H. Robinson

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