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United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement Ratified by the United States

Dear Valued U.S. Import Customer,

On Wednesday, January 29, 2020, President Trump signed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) into law after approval by both the Senate and the House of Representatives. Mexico has already signed the USMCA, but it won't be finalized until it is ratified by Canada. Once fully ratified, the USMCA will go into effect 90 days later.

The United States – Canada Free Trade Agreement became effective January 1, 1989. Talks began with Mexico in 1991, and Canada joined the conversation, resulting in The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), implemented January 1, 1994. Under NAFTA, tariffs were progressively eliminated, and all duties and quantitative restrictions were eliminated by 2008, with some agricultural exceptions. In May 2017, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) informed Congress that the President intended to commence negotiations to replace NAFTA. The United States (U.S.) looked to support higher-paying jobs in the U.S. and to grow the U.S. economy by improving opportunities to trade with Canada and Mexico. On November 30, 2018, the United States, Mexico and Canada signed an agreement to update NAFTA.

The USMCA brings about modernization provisions covering digital trade, intellectual property, services, and other areas that build on America's competitive strengths and will bring about a more level playing field for American businesses, workers, and farmers. The most bipartisan agreement negotiated to date, it includes ambitious labor and environmental obligations that exceed anything agreed to previously.

Additional information is on the USTR website starting [here](#).

Full text of the agreement 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,
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