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Aristeo Lopez
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Government of Mexico
Washington, D.C. 20036

REFERENCE: Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico

Dear Mr. Lopez:

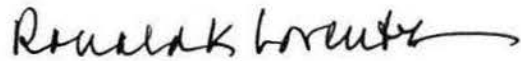
On behalf of the United States Department of Commerce (“Department”), I am writing to you with respect to the above-referenced Agreement Suspending the Countervailing Duty Investigation on Sugar from Mexico (“CVD Agreement”).

The Department appreciates the work of the Government of Mexico and our combined efforts to preserve and maintain a viable CVD suspension agreement on sugar from Mexico since December 2014. However, despite everyone’s best efforts and numerous meetings, there remain outstanding issues between the parties. At this point, because the signatories of the CVD Agreement have not reached agreement on modifications to the CVD Agreement, the Department is notifying the Government of Mexico of its intent to exercise its option under Section XI.B of the CVD Agreement to terminate such agreement, unless the parties reach agreement upon resolution of the outstanding issues with the current CVD Agreement. It continues to be our sincere hope that a negotiated settlement can be reached. The Department will devote all necessary resources to work with the parties to this end.



This letter constitutes written notice that the Department intends to terminate the CVD Agreement on June 5, 2017, unless a revised agreement is reached on or before that date. The Department therefore intends to issue a countervailing duty order on Sugar from Mexico on June 5, 2017, unless a revised agreement can be reached on or before that date. If you have any questions on this notification, please contact me at [\(202\) 482-2104](tel:2024822104) or Carole Showers, Executive Director of the Office of Policy, at (202) 482-3217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald K. Lorentzen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald K. Lorentzen
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Enforcement and Compliance