

TRADE AND INVESTMENT

**Agreement Between the
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and the REPUBLIC OF KOREA**

Effectuated by exchange of letters at Seoul and
Washington December 12 and 30, 2019

Entered into force January 1, 2020



NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Pursuant to Public Law 89—497, approved July 8, 1966
(80 Stat. 271; 1 U.S.C. 113)—

“ . . .the Treaties and Other International Acts Series issued under the authority of the Secretary of State shall be competent evidence . . . of the treaties, international agreements other than treaties, and proclamations by the President of such treaties and international agreements other than treaties, as the case may be, therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.”

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

December 30, 2019

Park, Byunghong
Deputy Minister for Food Industry Policy
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs
Republic of Korea

Dear Mr. Park,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 12, 2019, which reads as follows:

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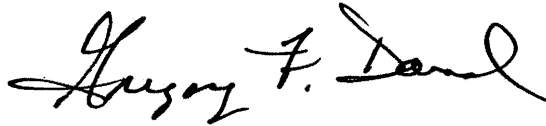
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 - a. conduct tenders at regular intervals throughout the year for the importation of rice under the U.S. CSQ;
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2. Korea shall not permit the importation under the U.S. CSQ of any rice, including rice grown in the United States, that has been processed in a third country.
3. Korea shall ensure that tendering for imports under the U.S. CSQ is conducted in a competitive manner.
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Ambassador Gregory F. Doud
Chief Agricultural Negotiator
United States of America



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