

EFFECTIVE AND TERMINATION DATES

Section effective on the date the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement enters into force (Mar. 1, 2006) and to cease to have effect on the date the Agreement ceases to be in force with respect to the United States, and, during any period in which a country ceases to be a CAFTA-DR country, to cease to have effect with respect to such country, see section 107 of Pub. L. 109-53, set out as a note under section 4001 of this title.

SUBCHAPTER III—RELIEF FROM IMPORTS

§ 4051. Definitions

In this subchapter:

(1) CAFTA-DR article

The term “CAFTA-DR article” means an article that qualifies as an originating good under section 4033(b) of this title.

(2) CAFTA-DR textile or apparel article

The term “CAFTA-DR textile or apparel article” means a textile or apparel good (as defined in section 4002(5) of this title) that is a CAFTA-DR article.

(3) De minimis supplying country

(A) Subject to subparagraph (B), the term “de minimis supplying country” means a CAFTA-DR country whose share of imports of the relevant CAFTA-DR article into the United States does not exceed 3 percent of the aggregate volume of imports of the relevant CAFTA-DR article in the most recent 12-month period for which data are available that precedes the filing of the petition under section 4061(a) of this title.

(B) A CAFTA-DR country shall not be considered to be a de minimis supplying country if the aggregate share of imports of the relevant CAFTA-DR article into the United States of all CAFTA-DR countries that satisfy the conditions of subparagraph (A) exceeds 9 percent of the aggregate volume of imports of the relevant CAFTA-DR article during the applicable 12-month period.

(4) Relevant CAFTA-DR article

The term “relevant CAFTA-DR article” means the CAFTA-DR article with respect to which a petition has been filed under section 4061(a) of this title.

(Pub. L. 109-53, title III, §301, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 488.)

TERMINATION OF SECTION

For termination of section by section 107(d) of Pub. L. 109-53, see Effective and Termination Dates note below.

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This subchapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title” meaning title III of Pub. L. 109-53, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 488, which enacted this subchapter and amended section 2252 of this title. For complete classification of title III to the Code, see Tables.

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PART A—RELIEF FROM IMPORTS BENEFITING FROM THE AGREEMENT

§ 4061. Commencing of action for relief

(a) Filing of petition

A petition requesting action under this part for the purpose of adjusting to the obligations of the United States under the Agreement may be filed with the Commission by an entity, including a trade association, firm, certified or recognized union, or group of workers, that is representative of an industry. The Commission shall transmit a copy of any petition filed under this subsection to the United States Trade Representative.

(b) Investigation and determination

Upon the filing of a petition under subsection (a), the Commission, unless subsection (d) applies, shall promptly initiate an investigation to determine whether, as a result of the reduction or elimination of a duty provided for under the Agreement, a CAFTA-DR article is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to domestic production, and under such conditions that imports of the CAFTA-DR article constitute a substantial cause of serious injury or threat thereof to the domestic industry producing an article that is like, or directly competitive with, the imported article.

(c) Applicable provisions

The following provisions of section 2252 of this title apply with respect to any investigation initiated under subsection (b):

- (1) Paragraphs (1)(B) and (3) of subsection (b).
- (2) Subsection (c).
- (3) Subsection (i).

(d) Articles exempt from investigation

No investigation may be initiated under this section with respect to any CAFTA-DR article if, after the date that the Agreement enters into force, import relief has been provided with respect to that CAFTA-DR article under this part.

(Pub. L. 109-53, title III, §311, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 488.)

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This part, referred to in subsecs. (a) and (d), was in the original “this subtitle”, meaning subtitle A (§§311-316) of title III of Pub. L. 109-53, Aug. 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 488, which enacted this part and amended section 2252 of this title. For complete classification of subtitle A to the Code, see Tables.

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