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والتجارة والاقتصاد الرقمي  
كتابة الدولة  
المكلفة بالتجارة الخارجية

Ms. Terry LABAT,  
Acting Chair

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Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements  
Room H3 100, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230  
United States of America

**Subject:** Request to modify the rules of origin for certain apparel articles under the United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement.

Dear Ms. LABAT,

On behalf of SALSABILE Company, located in Morocco, I hereby submit this request regarding the amendment of rules of origin applicable for certain apparel articles, to allow the use of certain third country fabrics not commercially available in the countries of Morocco and the United States, in accordance with the provisions of Article 4.3 of our Free Trade Agreement.

SALSABILE is a garment manufacturer specialized in casual and sportswear products for women and children made from knit fabrics of chapter 60. Its product categories include sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, waistcoats, vests, shirts, blouses, singlets, tank tops, tops, dresses, skirts, divided skirts, upper body garments, similar articles and garments and accessories classified under chapter 61.

For the past years, SALSABILE has exported its products to the United States under the TPL flexibility and is intending to develop its exports to the US market in 2016 and beyond. The expiry of the TPL provision has negatively affected its business and has caused loss of orders from US buyers.

SALSABILE fabrics concerned by the rule of origin change under the US-Morocco FTA are the 19 fabrics below, classified under chapter 60. No fabrics are available in Morocco or the United States.

| No | Item description   | HTS  | End use  |
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| 1  | Knit fleece fabric classified in subheading 6001.22, of 67-73% acrylic and 27-33% viscose, weighing 200-280 g/m2   | 6001.22  | Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts and waistcoats and similar articles classified in subheading 6110.30                    |
| 2  | Dyed knit fabric classified in subheading 6006.32, of 52-58% nylon/ 27-33% wool/ 12-18% acrylic  | 6006.32  | Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, vests and similar articles classified in subheading 6110.30                            |
| 3  | Dyed knit fabric classified in subheading 6006.32, of 42-48% nylon/ 37-43% viscose/ 12-18% wool  | 6006.32  | Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, vests and similar articles classified in subheading 6110.30                            |
| 4  | Dyed knit fabric classified in subheading 6006.32, of 41-47% nylon/ 18-24% wool/ 18-24% acrylic/ 11-17% mohair   | 6006.32  | Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, vests and similar articles, classified in subheading 6110.30                           |
| 5  | Dyed knit fabric classified in subheadings 6006.22 or 6006.32, of 50-56% cotton/ 34-40% acrylic/ 7-13% polyester   | 6006.22 & 6006.32  | Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, vests and similar articles classified in heading 6110                                  |
| 6  | Dyed knit fabric of 57-63% polyester/ 27-33% wool/ 7-13% nylon, classified in subheading 6006.32   | 6006.32  | Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, vests and similar articles classified in subheading 6110.30                            |
| 7  | Dyed knit fabric classified in subheading 6006.22, of 51-60% cotton/ 30-40% rayon/ 4-10% nylon   | 6006.22  | Garments classified in chapter 61  |
| 8  | Knit fabric of 50-84% rayon, 14-49% polyester, and 1-10% elastomeric, classified in subheadings 6004.10, 6005.41, 6005.42, 6005.43, 6005.44, 6006.41, 6006.42, 6006.43, or 6006.44 | 6004.10, 6005.41, 6005.42, 6005.43, 6005.44, 6006.41, 6006.42, 6006.43 & 6006.44 | Garments and accessories of chapter 61, except for babies' socks and booties of heading 6111 and hosiery of heading 6115 |



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| 9  | Knit fabric of 50-65% polyester, 30-49% rayon, and 1-10% elastomeric, classified in subheadings 6004.10, 6005.36, 6005.37, 6005.38, 6005.39, 6006.31, 6006.32, 6006.33, and 6006.34 | 6004.10, 6005.36, 6005.37, 6005.38, 6005.39, 6006.31, 6006.32, 6006.33 & 6006.34 | Garments and accessories of chapter 61, except for babies' socks and booties of heading 6111 and hosiery of heading 6115  |
| 10 | Knit fabric of 90-99% rayon and 1-10% elastomeric, classified in subheadings 6004.10, 6005.41, 6005.42, 6005.43, 6005.44, 6006.41, 6006.42, 6006.43, and 6006.44                    | 6004.10, 6005.41, 6005.42, 6005.43, 6005.44, 6006.41, 6006.42, 6006.43 & 6006.44 | Garments and accessories of chapter 61, except for babies' socks and booties of heading 6111 and hosiery of heading 6115  |
| 11 | Knit fabric of 51-84% rayon and 16-49% polyester, classified in subheadings 6005.41, 6005.42, 6005.43, 6005.44, 6006.41, 6006.42, 6006.43, or 6006.44                               | 6005.41, 6005.42, 6005.43, 6005.44, 6006.41, 6006.42, 6006.43 & 6006.44          | Garments and accessories of chapter 61, except for babies' socks and booties of heading 6111 and hosiery of heading 6115  |
| 12 | Knit fabric of 51-65% polyester and 35-49% rayon, classified in subheadings 6005.36, 6005.37, 6005.38, 6005.39, 6006.31, 6006.32, 6006.33, or 6006.34                               | 6005.36, 6005.37, 6005.38, 6005.39, 6006.31, 6006.32, 6006.33 & 6006.34          | Garments and accessories of chapter 61, except for babies' socks and booties of heading 6111 and hosiery of heading 6115  |
| 13 | Knit fabric of 90-99% synthetic fiber and 1-10% elastomeric, classified in subheadings 6004.10; 6005.37; 6005.38; 6005.39; 6006.32; 6006.33; et 6006.34                             | 6004.10; 6005.37; 6005.38; 6005.39; 6006.32; 6006.33; et 6006.34.                | Garments and accessories of chapter 61, except for babies' socks and booties of heading 6111 and hosiery of heading 6115  |
| 14 | Knit jersey fabric, other than warp knit, classified in subheadings 6004.10 or 6006.42, of 44-50% lyocell/44-50% rayon/ 3-9% elastomeric, weighing 150-220 g/m2                     | 6004.10 & 6006.42  | Upper body garments classified in headings 6105, 6106, 6109, 6110, 6114   |
| 15 | Slub jersey fabric classified in subheading 6006.22, of 51- 65% cotton/35-49% rayon, weighing 120-225 g/m2  | 6006.22  | Upper body garments classified in headings 6105, 6106, 6109, 6110, 6114   |
| 16 | Knit jersey fabric, other than warp knit, classified in subheadings 6004.10 or 6006.32, of 30-36% rayon/ 19-35% acrylic/ 27-33% polyester/ 3-8% elastomeric, weighing 125-250 g/m2  | 6004.10 & 6006.32  | Upper body garments classified in headings 6105, 6106, 6109, 6110, 6114   |
| 17 | Knit fabric classified in subheadings 6004.10, 6006.21, 6006.22, or 6006.24, of 51-70% cotton/33 - 49% rayon/ 2-7% elastomeric yarns, weighing up to 275 g/m2                       | 6004.10, 6006.21, 6006.22 & 6006.24  | Upper body garments classified in headings 6105, 6106, 6109, 6110   |
| 18 | Knit jersey fabric, other than warp knit, classified in subheadings 6004.10 or 6006.32, of 43-46% polyester/ 43-45% rayon/ 5-9% flax/ 4-5% elastomeric, weighing 125-250 g/m2       | 6004.10 & 6006.32  | Upper body garments classified in headings 6105, 6106, 6109, 6110 or 6114   |
| 19 | Slub jersey fabric, other than warp knit, classified in subheadings 6004.10 or 6006.42, of 92-98% rayon/ 2-3% polyester/ 2-5% elastomeric, weighing 150- 200 g/m2                   | 6004.10 & 6006.42  | Knit shirts, blouses, singlets, tank tops and similar garments, pullovers, sweatshirts, waistcoats (vests) and similar articles, tops, dresses, skirts, and divided skirts classified in headings 6104, 6105, 6106, 6109, 6110, or 6114 |

We would appreciate the attention of your good offices to consider this request at an early opportunity and believe that by working cooperatively we can accelerate the process to ensure mutual benefit for both Moroccan and US companies.

Sincerely yours,

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