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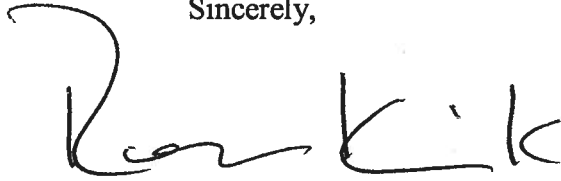
Dear Minister:

I have the honor to confirm the following understandings reached between representatives of the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federative Republic of Brazil (the “Parties”) regarding certain distinctive products:

- A. The United States shall endeavor to publish a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* in which it will propose to promulgate a regulation or regulations that would provide that *Cachaça* is a type of rum that is a distinctive product of Brazil, and that the sale in the United States of any product as *Cachaça* is not permitted unless it has been manufactured in Brazil in accordance with the laws and regulations of Brazil governing the manufacture of *Cachaça*. The *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* would further propose that *Cachaça* need not be labeled as “rum.” The Parties note the following difference in their respective classifications of *Cachaça*: the United States proposes to classify *Cachaça* as a type of rum, whereas, according to Brazilian law, *Cachaça* is a type of *Aguardente de Cana*.
- B. If, following the publication of the *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, the United States publishes a *Final Rule* announcing that it will promulgate a regulation or regulations of the type referred to in Paragraph A, Brazil shall, within thirty (30) days thereafter, recognize *Bourbon Whiskey* and *Tennessee Whiskey*, the latter being a straight Bourbon Whiskey authorized to be produced only in the State of Tennessee, as distinctive products of the United States. In accordance with such recognition, Brazil shall not permit the sale in Brazil of any product as *Bourbon Whiskey* or *Tennessee Whiskey*, unless it has been manufactured in the United States in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States governing the manufacture of *Bourbon Whiskey* and *Tennessee Whiskey*. (This Paragraph also applies to these products when they are spelled as “Bourbon Whisky” or “Tennessee Whisky.”)

C. I have the honor to propose that this letter, and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares these understandings, shall together constitute an agreement between our two Governments, to enter into force on April 9, 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Kirk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and a distinct "K".

AMBASSADOR RON KIRK
United States Trade Representative