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DATE: 24SEPTEMBER2003

HONORABLE BRYANT L. VAN BRAKLE
SECRETARY
FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION
800 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NW
WASHINGTON DC 20573

RE: PETITION OF NATIONAL CUSTOMS BROKERS AND FORWARDERS
ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, INC. FOR A LIMITED EXEMPTION
FROM CERTAIN TARIFF REQUIREMENTS OF THE SHIPPING ACT OF
1984

PETITION NO.: 03
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DEAR SECRETARY VAN BRAKLE,

I AM LORI LINSEY, ADMINISTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF O.T.S.
ASTRACON LLC, CHARLOTTE NC USA. OUR FMC OTI NO. IS
14867NF. WE ALSO HAVE AN OFFICE IN ATLANTA GA. WE HELP
COORDINATE THE USA TARIFF FOR OUR PARTNERS IN GERMANY AND
ITALY.

WE APPROXIMATE THAT WE PAY FOR SERVICES AND MAN HOURS
RELEVANT TO KEEPING OUR TARIFF UP TO DATE IS APPROXIMATELY
USD75,000 PER YEAR.

IN OUR OPINION, THE TARIFF WE MUST KEEP IS JUST TIME
CONSUMING AND COSTLY. IT DOES NOT BEAR ANY RELATIONSHIP
WITH THE RATES WE RECEIVE FROM STEAMSHIP LINES OR RATES
THAT WE QUOTE TO OUR CUSTOMERS. WE REALLY DO NOT SEE ANY
PURPOSE TO HAVING TO FILE A RATE FOR EVERY NEW SHIPMENT,
COMMODITY DESTINATION, ETC. THAT WE HANDLE.

O.T.S.Astracon L.L.C.

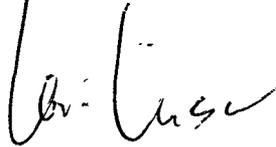
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I, LORI LINSER, DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT. FURTHER I CERITFY THAT I AM QUALITFIED AND AUTHORIZED TO FILE THIS VERIFIED STATEMENT.

EXECUTED ON 24SEPT2003

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lori Linser".

LORI LINSER
ADMINSTRATIVE VICE PRESIDENT
O.T.S. ASTRACON LLC