

República de Panamá
Ministro de Comercio e Industrias

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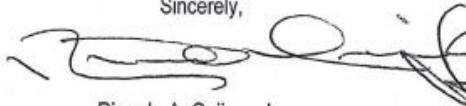
October 22, 2012
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Dear Ambassador Kirk:

I am writing in reference to the United States – Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, signed in Washington, D.C. on June 28, 2007 (the "Agreement"). In this regard, I am pleased to notify the Government of the United States of America, pursuant to Article 22.5.1 of the Agreement, that the Government of the Republic of Panama has completed the applicable legal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement.

In addition, in accordance with Article 22.5.1, I am pleased to propose, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Panama, that the Agreement enter into force on October 31, 2012. If your letter in response accepts this proposal, the Agreement shall enter into force on that date.

Sincerely,



Ricardo A. Quijano J.
Minister for Commerce and Industry



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October 22, 2012

The Honorable Ricardo A. Quijano J.
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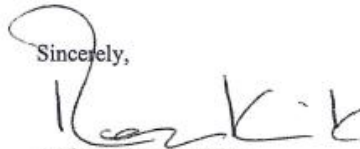
Dear Minister Quijano:

I am in receipt of your letter notifying the Government of the United States of America that the Government of the Republic of Panama has completed its applicable legal requirements for entry into force of the United States – Panama Trade Promotion Agreement, signed in Washington, D.C. on June 28, 2007 (the “Agreement”).

I am pleased to notify your Government, pursuant to Article 22.5.1 of the Agreement, that the Government of the United States of America has also completed its applicable legal requirements for the entry into force of the Agreement.

In addition, I am pleased to accept, on behalf of the Government of the United States of America, your Government’s proposal, pursuant to Article 22.5.1 of the Agreement, that the Agreement enter into force on October 31, 2012. Accordingly, the Agreement shall enter into force on that date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Kirk", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Ambassador Ron Kirk