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continue in effect through December 31, 2009.

(3) In order to provide for an accelerated schedule of duty elimination for specific originating goods of Chile, the tariff treatment set forth in the HTS is modified as provided in Annex II to this proclamation.

(4) The modifications made to the HTS by Annex II to this proclamation shall be effective with respect to goods entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after January 1, 2009.

(5) In order to implement the agreement with Australia to change the USAFTA rules of origin for certain yarns of viscose rayon fiber, the HTS is modified as provided in Annex III to this proclamation.

(6) The modifications made to the HTS by Annex III to this proclamation shall enter into effect on the date that the United States Trade Representative announces in a notice published in the *Federal Register* that Australia has completed its applicable domestic procedures to give effect to the agreement to change the USAFTA rules of origin for certain yarns of viscose rayon fiber and shall be effective with respect to originating goods of Australia entered, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, on or after the date indicated in the notice.

(7) Any provisions of previous proclamations and Executive Orders that are inconsistent with the actions taken in this proclamation are superseded to the extent of such inconsistency.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation and its attached annexes will be published in the *Federal Register* on January 7.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

December 25

In the morning, at Camp David, MD, the President had an intelligence briefing.

December 26

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he and Mrs. Bush traveled to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

December 27

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdallah bin Abd al-Aziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

December 29

In the morning, the President had a telephone conversation with King Abdullah II of Jordan to discuss the situation in the Middle East. He then had an intelligence briefing. Later, he participated in a video teleconference with Vice President Dick Cheney, White House Chief of Staff Joshua B. Bolten, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in the Middle East and U.S. efforts to help reach a ceasefire.

December 30

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. He then had a video teleconference with Vice President Dick Cheney, White House Chief of Staff Joshua B. Bolten, and National Security Adviser Stephen J. Hadley to discuss the situation in the Middle East. Later, he had a telephone conversation with President Mohamed Hosni Mubarak of Egypt to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

Later in the morning, the President had separate telephone conversations with President Mahmoud Abbas (Abu Mazen) and

Prime Minister Salam Fayyad of the Palestinian Authority to discuss the situation in the Middle East and their efforts to reach a ceasefire as well as U.S. humanitarian aid to the region.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss the situation in the Middle East.

December 31

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing. Later, he had a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Ehud Olmert of Israel to discuss the situation in the Middle East. He then had separate telephone conversations with Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India and President Asif Ali Zardari of Pakistan to discuss the Mumbai terrorist attacks investigation and India-Pakistan relations.

The White House announced that the President will welcome First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of Southern Sudan Salva Kiir Mayardit to the White House on January 5, 2009.

January 1

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

In the afternoon, the President and Mrs. Bush returned to Washington, DC.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President-elect Barack Obama.

January 2

In the morning, the President had an intelligence briefing.

The White House announced that the President and Mrs. Bush will host Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the United Nations and his wife, Yoo (Ban) Soon-taek, for lunch at the White House on January 6, 2009.

The President declared a major disaster in New Hampshire and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by a severe winter storm beginning on December 11 and continuing.

Nominations Submitted to the Senate

NOTE: No nominations were submitted to the Senate during the period covered by this issue.

Checklist of White House Press Releases

The following list contains releases of the Office of the Press Secretary that are neither printed as items nor covered by entries in the Digest of Other White House Announcements.

Released December 29

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Press Secretary Gordon Johndroe

Released December 30

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Press Secretary Gordon Johndroe

Released December 31

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Press Secretary Gordon Johndroe

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: President Bush to Meet with Salva Kiir, First Vice President of the Government of National Unity of Sudan and President of the Government of Southern Sudan

Released January 2

Transcript of a press briefing by National Security Council Press Secretary Gordon Johndroe

Statement by the Deputy Press Secretary: The President and Mrs. Bush's Lunch with the United Nations Secretary-General and Mrs. Ban Soon-taek

Statement by the Press Secretary on disaster assistance to New Hampshire