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Dear Mr. Townsend,

Thank you for your interest in the EU-Mercosur negotiation. Rules of origin for HS Chapter 24 remain subject to ongoing negotiation. Our negotiators have been in contact with you and are fully aware of the importance of the 10%-rule for ensuring that a tariff preference can be used by EU exporters of products falling under HS 2402 and 2403. I further note your position on full tariff elimination.

Yours sincerely,

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