

The Honorable Donald L. Evans  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

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Dear Secretary Evans,

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to certain issues related to the status of Estonia as categorized under United States legislation.

The Republic of Estonia is currently categorized under U.S. legislation as a non-market economy country in the context of U.S. Antidumping Law.

We believe the current status to be a left-over from a legacy of Soviet Occupation and to be in a dire need to be updated. U.S. Section 771(18) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. § 1677(18) sets forth the rules for revoking the status of a non-market economy country [19 U.S.C. § 1677(18)(C)] as follows:

- (i) Any determination that a foreign country is a non-market economy country shall remain in effect until revoked by the administering authority.
- (ii) The administering authority may make a determination under subparagraph (A) with respect to any foreign country at any time.

The Government of Estonia would like, referring to the abovementioned provisions of the U.S. Antidumping Law, to request the International Trade Administration to revoke the status of Republic of Estonia as a non-market economy country.

Please find enclosed a background information fact sheet that we have produced in hope that it can be helpful for you when making the decision.

Also, please let me express my strong belief that if a positive decision is made in this case, it will remove one of the remaining unfortunate historic legacies affecting the future of Estonia and in long term would be beneficial for both Estonia and the United States by advancing trade between our two countries.

Please allow me to thank you for your kind consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Kristiina Ojuland  
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

**Addendum:** Background information for request for revoking the Non-market Economy Status of the Republic of Estonia in the context of U.S. Antidumping Law