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Office of the Child Labor, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking  
The Bureau of International Labor Affairs  
US Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue  
NW, Room S-5317  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Sir,

Please refer to email dated December 19, 2009 acknowledging APEDA response whereby it was requested by us that Indian Rice be removed from the (Notice of Initial Determination). Attached is our response to the Federal Register Notice on Child Labor seeking information on Government, Industry or third party actions and initiatives taken to address the problem.

Also attached is the document entitled "APEDA Response Dec'09.doc", which contains the copy of response submitted by APEDA on December 10, 2009 for ready reference.

In view of the facts submitted through both these responses, there seems to be no credible basis to justify the initial determination that there exists child labor in rice sector in India. As such, the initial determination must be reviewed by DoL and Indian Rice be removed.

Regards,

Asit Tripathy  
Chairman - APEDA