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Mr. Irizarry is currently the Textiles and Trade Agreements Director overseeing both the Trade Agreements and the Textiles and Apparel Priority Trade Issues (PTIs). In overseeing these PTIs, Mr. Irizarry manages the enforcement of 16 U.S. Free Trade Agreements (FTAs), nine pieces of Preferential Trade Legislation, and a host of other legal requirements that apply to textiles imports. His division is responsible for supporting the negotiation of new trade agreements; developing policy guidance and training on trade agreement and textile operations for Office of Trade and Office of Field Operations personnel; engaging trade, congressional, and interagency stakeholders on trade agreement and textiles issues; analyzing trade data to profile risk of non-compliance for non-textile trade agreement and textile imports, and overseeing CBP's trade agreement verification and textile enforcement operational efforts. Previously, he served as the Assistant Director for Miami National Threat Analysis Center (Miami NTAC) – NTAD, within the Office of Trade of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). During this period, Mr. Irizarry conducted trade targeting, analysis, admissibility determinations, classification, and valuation of imported merchandise for over 17 years with CBP. Mr. Irizarry has had a longstanding interest in the international trade as he obtained an MBA in international relations and information management from Kean University in New Jersey, which is where he first began his career with CBP. He was born in Puerto Rico member of a family of dedicated public servants proud of serving the American people for several generations.