

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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Janet L. Labuda, a native of Brooklyn, New York, has been with U.S. Customs and Border Protection for 26 years. She began her career as an inspector at John F. Kennedy International Airport in 1980 after teaching high school history for five years.

Currently, she is the Director, Textile Enforcement and Operations Division, Office of Field Operations, Washington D.C. Her responsibilities include oversight of the textile/wearing apparel area including enforcement of quota, illegal textile transshipment activities, trade agreements for textiles and operational policy development and implementation. In addition, Ms. Labuda is the Chairman of the Textile Working Group that determines U.S. Customs and Border Protection policy regarding the importation of all textile products. She participated in the negotiation of the Singapore, Australia, Morocco and Thailand Free Trade Agreements and works on a continuing basis with her foreign counterparts to ensure maximum compliance of this industry with U.S. laws and regulations.

Before her current assignment, Ms. Labuda was an International Trade Officer with the Office of Strategic Trade and the Director, Revenue Enforcement Division with the Office of Regulatory Audit. Other assignments have included Senior Program Manager, The Interdiction Committee; Senior Customs Representative, Office of Investigations, The Hague, Netherlands, Customs Zero Tolerance Ombudsman and Program Manager, Office of Inspection and Control.

Ms. Labuda graduated with a B.A. degree in History from St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, New York, and a M.A. degree in European History from New York University. She has attended the John F. Kennedy School of Government and is a Senior Executive Fellow. She is a member of the Board of Directors for the American Friends of the Kigali Public Library that is spearheading efforts in the United States to help build the first free public library in Rwanda.