

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #15775;
Massachusetts Disaster Number MA-00076]

**Declaration of Economic Injury;
Administrative Declaration of an
Economic Injury Disaster for the
Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business
Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of an
Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)
declaration for the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts, dated 10/23/2018.

Incident: Natural Gas Line
Explosions.

Incident Period: 09/13/2018.

DATES: Issued on 10/23/2018.

*Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan
Application Deadline Date:* 07/23/2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan
applications to: U.S. Small Business
Administration, Processing and
Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport
Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A.
Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance,
U.S. Small Business Administration,
409 3rd Street SW, Suite 6050,
Washington, DC 20416, (202) 205-6734.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is
hereby given that as a result of the
Administrator's EIDL declaration,
applications for economic injury
disaster loans may be filed at the
address listed above or other locally
announced locations.

The following areas have been
determined to be adversely affected by
the disaster:

Primary Counties: Essex

Contiguous Counties:

Massachusetts: Middlesex, Suffolk.

New Hampshire: Hillsborough,
Rockingham.

The Interest Rates are:

	Percent
Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives without Credit Available Elsewhere	3.675
Non-Profit Organizations without Credit Available Elsewhere	2.500

The number assigned to this disaster
for economic injury is 157750.

The States which received an EIDL
Declaration # are Massachusetts, New
Hampshire.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance
Number 59008)

Dated: October 23, 2018.

Linda E. McMahon,
Administrator.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket Number USTR-2018-0036]

**Request for Comments on Negotiating
Objectives for a U.S.-United Kingdom
Trade Agreement**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and
notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: On October 16, 2018, the
United States Trade Representative
notified Congress of the
Administration's intention to enter into
negotiations with the United Kingdom
(UK) for a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement
after the UK has exited the European
Union on March 29, 2019. The Office of
the United States Trade Representative
(USTR) is seeking public comments on
a proposed U.S.-UK Trade Agreement,
including U.S. interests and priorities,
in order to develop U.S. negotiating
positions. You can provide comments in
writing and orally at a public hearing.
The Administration's aim in
negotiations with the UK is to address
both tariff and non-tariff barriers and to
achieve free, fair, and reciprocal trade.

DATES: January 15, 2019: Deadline for
the submission of written comments
and for written notification of your
intent to testify, as well as a summary
of your testimony at the public hearing.
January 29, 2019: The Trade Policy Staff
Committee (TPSC) will hold a public
hearing beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the
main hearing room of the United States
International Trade Commission, 500 E
Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

ADDRESSES: You should submit
notifications of intent to testify and
written comments through the Federal
eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the
instructions for submitting comments in
parts 2 and 3 below. For alternatives to
on-line submissions, please contact
Yvonne Jamison at (202) 395-3475.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
procedural questions concerning written
comments, please contact Yvonne
Jamison at (202) 395-3475. Direct all
other questions to Timothy Wedding,
Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade
Representative for Europe, at (202) 395-
6072.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The decision to launch negotiations
for a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement is an
important step toward achieving free,
fair, and reciprocal trade with the UK
and was preceded by the establishment
of the U.S.-UK Trade and Investment
Working Group in July 2017. The
Working Group was launched to
provide commercial continuity for UK
and U.S. businesses, workers, and
consumers as the UK leaves the
European Union, explore ways to
strengthen trade and investment ties,
and lay the groundwork for a potential
future trade agreement with the UK.

On October 16, 2018, following
consultations with relevant
Congressional committees, the United
States Trade Representative informed
Congress that the President intends to
commence negotiations with the UK for
a U.S.-UK Trade Agreement.

2. Public Comment and Hearing

The TPSC invites interested parties to
submit comments and/or oral testimony
to assist USTR as it develops negotiating
objectives and positions for the
agreement, including with regard to
objectives identified in section 102 of
the Bipartisan Congressional Trade
Priorities and Accountability Act of
2015 (19 U.S.C. 4201). In particular, the
TPSC invites interested parties to
comment on issues including, but not
limited to, the following:

- a. General and product-specific
negotiating objectives for the proposed
agreement.
- b. Relevant barriers to trade in goods
and services between the U.S. and the
UK that should be addressed in the
negotiations.
- c. Economic costs and benefits to U.S.
producers and consumers of removal or
reduction of tariffs and removal or
reduction of non-tariff barriers on
articles traded with the UK.
- d. Treatment of specific goods
(described by HTSUS numbers) under
the proposed agreement, including
comments on:
 - i. Product-specific import or export
interests or barriers.
 - ii. Experience with particular
measures that should be addressed in
the negotiations.
 - iii. Ways to address export priorities
and import sensitivities in the context of
the proposed agreement.
- e. Customs and trade facilitation
issues that should be addressed in the
negotiations.
- f. Sanitary and phytosanitary
measures and technical barriers to trade
that should be addressed in the
negotiations.