

Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program is a \$42.45 billion formula-based program to states, territories, and the District of Columbia for qualifying broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption project. The Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program is a competitive \$1 billion grant program for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle-mile infrastructure. The Digital Equity Act Programs—which includes the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program—allocate \$2.75 billion to promote digital inclusion and equity for communities that lack the skills, technologies, and support needed to take advantage of broadband connections.

NTIA will host broadband grant program public virtual listening sessions in connection with the five new broadband grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These public virtual listening sessions are designed to collect stakeholder input to help inform program development and implementation.

These public virtual listening sessions are subject to change. Session time changes will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>. Any public virtual listening session cancellations will also be posted on the same website. Any date change to a scheduled public virtual listening session will be provided in a notice in the **Federal Register**.

The presentation recording, and transcript of each public virtual listening session will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/> and NTIA's YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/ntiagov> within seven (7) days following the live session.

The public is invited to participate in these public virtual listening sessions. Pre-registration is required as space is limited to the first 1,000 participants. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website at <https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events>. NTIA asks each registrant to provide their first and last name, city, state, zip code, job title, organization and email address for registration purposes.

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify the NTIA contact listed

above at least ten (10) business days before the session.

General questions and comments are welcome via email to BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov.

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Kathy Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on a Commercial Availability Request Under the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a request for modification of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) rules of origin for certain textile products.

SUMMARY: The Government of the United States (“United States”) received a request from the Government of the Republic of Korea (“Korea”), submitted on November 9, 2021, to initiate consultations under Article 4.2.3 of the KORUS. Korea is requesting that the United States and Korea (“the Parties”) consider revising the rules of origin for certain woven fabrics to address availability of supply of yarns in the territories of the Parties.

The President of the United States may proclaim a modification to the KORUS rules of origin for textile and apparel products after the United States reaches an agreement with Korea on a modification under Article 4.2.5 of the KORUS to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether certain textured and non-textured triacetate filament yarns can be supplied by the U.S. domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by January 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements at OTEXA_Korea_FTA@trade.gov. Please see the instructions below for other means of submissions, and submission of

comments containing business confidential information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Martinich, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 510-3955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 202(o)(2)(C) of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 note) (KORUS Implementation Act); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Background: Article 4.2.3 of the KORUS provides that, on the request of either Party, the Parties shall consult to consider whether the rules of origin applicable to a particular textile or apparel good should be revised to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. In the consultations, pursuant to Article 4.2.4 of the KORUS, each Party shall consider all data presented by the other Party that demonstrate substantial production in its territory of a particular fiber, yarn, or fabric. The Parties shall consider that there is substantial production if a Party demonstrates that its domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the fiber, yarn, or fabric in a timely manner. The KORUS Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim as part of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, modifications to the KORUS rules of origin set out in Annex 4-A of the KORUS as are necessary to implement an agreement with Korea under Article 4.2.5 of the KORUS, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of Section 104 of the KORUS Implementation Act. See Section 202(o)(2)(C)(iii) of the KORUS Implementation Act.

Executive Order 11651 established CITA to supervise the implementation of textile trade agreements and authorizes the Chairman of CITA to take actions or recommend that appropriate officials or agencies of the United States take actions necessary to implement textile trade agreements. 37 FR 4699 (March 3, 1972) reprinted as amended in 7 U.S.C. Sec. 1854 note. The Government of the United States received a request from the Government of Korea, submitted on November 9, 2021, requesting that the United States consider whether the KORUS rule of origin for certain woven fabrics should be modified to allow the use of certain yarns that are not originating under the KORUS. The yarns subject to this request, and their specific end-uses, are described below.

Input product description	Input product classification, harmonized tariff schedule of the U.S. (HTSUS)	End-use product description	End-use product classification (HTSUS)
Certain textured and non-textured triacetate filament.	5403.33	Woven fabric of artificial filament yarn, including woven fabric obtained from material of heading 5405.	5408

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether the yarns described above can be supplied by the U.S. domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be received no later than January 5, 2022. Interested persons are invited to submit such comments or information electronically to the Chairman of the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements at OTEXA_Korea_FTA@trade.gov. However, if interested persons are unable to submit comments or information electronically, please contact Linda Martinich at Linda.Martinich@trade.gov or (202) 510-3955 for instructions on other means of submission. For those seeking to submit confidential business information (CBI) for Government use only, please clearly mark such submissions as CBI and submit an accompanying redacted version to be made public. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the current telework directive issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce, CITA has issued a temporary waiver to allow for electronic submissions, including submissions that contain business confidential information through a secure online system. This waiver will be in effect until such time as the Chairman of CITA determines that normal CITA/Department of Commerce, Office of Textiles and Apparel operations have resumed to allow for receipt of hard copy submissions. Access to the secure electronic system will be by invitation only. Interested entities planning to file a commercial availability request should contact Linda Martinich at Linda.Martinich@trade.gov for instructions before submitting any documents (either public or confidential versions) to CITA. CITA will protect any information that is marked business confidential from disclosure to the full extent permitted by law. All public versions of the comments will be posted on the Office of Textiles and Apparel website for Commercial Availability proceedings

under KORUS: <https://www.trade.gov/fta-commercial-availability-korea>

Paul E. Morris,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Policy Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Defense Policy Board, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Policy Board (DPB) will take place.

DATES: Closed to the public, Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 9:28 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, December 16, 2021, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The closed meeting will be held at The Pentagon, 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Bako, (703) 571-9234 (Voice), 703-697-8606 (Facsimile), osd.pentagon.rsrgmt.list.ousd-policy-defense-board-mbx@mail.mil (Email). Mailing address is 2000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-2000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting Announcement: Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and the Designated Federal Officer for the Defense Policy Board, the Defense Policy Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its December 15-16, 2021 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C., App.), the Government in the Sunshine Act ("the Sunshine Act") (5 U.S.C. 552b), and Title 41 Code of Federal Regulations (C.R), Sections 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

Purpose of the Meeting: To obtain, review, and evaluate classified information related to the DPB's mission to advise on (a) issues central to strategic DoD planning; (b) policy implications of U.S. force structure and modernization on DoD's ability to execute U.S. defense strategy; (c) U.S. regional defense policies; and (d) other defense policy topics of special interest to the DoD, as determined by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, or the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

Agenda: On December 15-16, 2021 the DPB will receive classified briefings and hold classified discussions on the development of the Department of Defense National Defense Strategy (NDS) analysis and methodology. The board will be addressed by the Secretary of Defense and the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy. The board will receive classified briefings on (1) a current intelligence baseline briefing on China military modernization; (2) a briefing on the NDS overall approach and security environment assessment; (3) a briefing on the NDS defense priorities, the strategic approach and integrated defense; (4) key considerations for nesting the NDS, the Nuclear Posture Review and Missile Defense Review; and (5) conduct classified member "red team" discussions and deliberation. Following discussions and deliberation, the DPB will provide their advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense for consideration.

Meeting Accessibility: In accordance with section 10(d) of the FACA and Title 41 CFR, Section 102-3.155, the DoD has determined that this meeting shall be closed to the public. The Under Secretary of Defense (Policy), in consultation with the DoD FACA Attorney, has determined in writing that this meeting be closed to the public because the discussions fall under the purview of Section 552b(c)(1) of the Sunshine Act and are so inextricably