



**Attachment: Request to modify the rules of origin under the *Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America***

September 24, 2018

William D. Jackson  
Assistant United States Trade Representative for Textiles  
Executive Office of the President  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Assistant U.S. Trade Representative Jackson:

Pursuant to Article 4.2.3 of the *Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America* (Agreement), the Government of the Republic of Korea (Korea) requests that our governments begin consultations to modify the rules of origin under the Agreement for certain end-use yarns, fabrics and apparel based on the lack of commercial availability of certain textile inputs, as described below.

Based on its knowledge of the industry, the Government of Korea has determined that there is no production of these products in Korea or from suppliers in the United States of America (United States).

NO	Input Product Description	Input Product HTS	End-use Product Description
1	certain viscose rayon staple fibers classified in subheadings 5504.10 or 5507.00	5504.10 5507.00	Cotton yarn (other than sewing thread), containing less than 85% by weight of cotton, not put up for retail sale, classified in heading 52.06
2	certain textured and non-textured cuprammonium rayon filament yarns classified in subheading 5403.39	5403.39	Woven fabrics of artificial filament yarn, including woven fabrics obtained from materials of heading 54.05, classified in heading 54.08



3 certain cashmere yarn classified in heading 51.08	51.08	Sweaters, pullovers, sweatshirts, waistcoats (vests) and similar articles, knitted or crocheted, classified in heading 61.10;  Other made up clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted, classified in heading 61.17;  Knitted or crocheted parts of garments or of clothing accessories, classified in heading 61.17
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The Government of Korea is aware that the solicitation of public comment, the review process of the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) and relevant trade advisory committees, and the Congressional consultation and layover process are required in accordance with the United States domestic laws and regulations in order to modify the rules of origin under the Agreement. The Government of Korea requests that the Government of the United States conduct its domestic procedures expeditiously with respect to these consultations on, potential agreement on, and any subsequent implementation of these proposed modifications to the rules of origin under the Agreement.

The Government of Korea looks forward to a favorable consideration of the request for a change in the relevant rules of origin pursuant to Article 4.2.3, et seq., of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

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