

MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Korea's Alternative Request to modify the rule of origin under

the Free Trade Agreement between the Republic of Korea and the United States of America

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William D. Jackson Assistant United States Trade Representative for Textiles Office of the U.S. Trade Representative 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), and as an alternative to the previous request for modification to rule of origin of certain cashmere-related item (input material under HS51.08 – end-use product under HS61.10 and HS61.17), the Government of the Republic of Korea (Korean Government) requests the Government of the United States of America (US Government) to favorably consider and to subsequently begin domestic process for modifying the rule of origin under the Agreement for certain end-use fabrics based on the lack of commercial availability of certain textile inputs, described as follows.

Input Product Description	Input Product HTS	End-use Product Description
Certain textured and non-	5403.33	Woven fabrics of artificial
textured triacetate filament		filament yarn, including
yarns classified in		woven abrics obtained from
subheading 5403.33		materials of heading 54.05,
		classified in heading 54.08

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

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

Sincerely,

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Director General for International Trade Policy