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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2024–0011]

Request for Comments and Notice of Public Hearing Concerning Russia’s Implementation of Its WTO Commitments

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The interagency Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC) is seeking public comments to assist the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) in the preparation of its annual report to Congress on Russia’s implementation of its obligations as a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This notice includes the schedule for the submission of comments to the TPSC for the Russia report and a public hearing.

DATES:

September 18, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EDT: Deadline for submission of written comments, requests to testify, and

written testimony, regarding the Russia WTO implementation report.

October 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. EDT: The TPSC will convene a public hearing to receive oral testimony related to the Russia WTO implementation report.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting comments in sections III and IV below, using docket number USTR–2024–0011. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Silvia Savich, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia, in advance of the relevant deadline at Silvia.Savich@ustr.eop.gov or 202.395.2256.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Silvia Savich, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia, at Silvia.Savich@ustr.eop.gov or 202.395.2256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Russia became a Member of the WTO on August 22, 2012, and on December 21, 2012, following termination of the application of the Jackson-Vanik amendment to Russia and the extension of permanent normal trade relations to the products of Russia, the United States and Russia filed letters with the WTO withdrawing their notices of non-application and consenting to have the WTO Agreement apply between them. In accordance with Section 201(a) of the Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–208), USTR is required to submit annually a report to Congress on the extent to which Russia is implementing the WTO Agreement, including the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The report also must assess Russia’s progress on acceding to and implementing the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). In addition, to the extent that USTR finds that Russia is not implementing fully any WTO agreement or is not making adequate progress in acceding to the ITA or the GPA, USTR must describe in the report the actions it plans to take to encourage Russia to improve its implementation and/or increase its accession efforts. In accordance with Section 201(a), and to assist it in preparing this year’s report, the TPSC is soliciting public comments. You can find last year’s report on

USTR's website at: <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/2023%20Report%20on%20the%20Implementation%20and%20Enforcement%20of%20Russia's%20WTO%20Commitments.pdf>.

The terms of Russia's accession to the WTO are contained in the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and the Protocol on the Accession of the Russian Federation to the WTO (including its annexes) (Protocol). The Report of the Working Party on the Accession of the Russian Federation (Working Party Report) provides detail and context to the commitments listed in the Protocol. You can find the Protocol and Working Party Report on USTR's website at <https://ustr.gov/node/5887> or on the WTO website at <http://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/ACC/RUS/70, WT/MIN(11)/2, WT/MIN(11)/24, WT/L/839, WT/ACC/RUS/70/Add.1, WT/MIN(11)/2/Add.1, WT/ACC/RUS/70/Add.2, and WT/MIN(11)/2/Add.1.)

II. Hearing Participation

USTR will convene a public hearing on October 10, 2024 related to Russia's implementation of its WTO commitments. Persons wishing to observe the public hearing will find a link on USTR's web page for Russia on the day of the hearing at <https://ustr.gov/countries-regions/europe-middle-east/russia-and-eurasia/russia>. To ensure participation, you must submit requests to present oral testimony at the hearing and written testimony by midnight on September 19, 2024, via *Regulations.gov*, using Docket Number USTR-2024-0011. Instructions for submission are in Sections III and IV below. Remarks at the hearing will be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the TPSC. Because it is a public hearing, testimony should not include any business confidential information (BCI). USTR will provide a link in advance of the virtual hearing to persons wishing to testify.

The TPSC requests small businesses or organizations representing small business members that submit comments to self-identify as such, so that we may be aware of issues of particular interest to small businesses.

Written comments and/or oral testimony should address Russia's implementation of the commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas:

- a. Import regulation (e.g., tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses).
- b. Export regulation.
- c. Subsidies.

d. Standards and technical regulations.

e. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures.

f. Trade-related investment measures (including local content requirements).

g. Taxes and charges levied on imports and exports.

h. Other internal policies affecting trade.

i. Intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement).

j. Services.

k. Government procurement.

l. Rule of law issues (e.g., transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations).

m. Trade facilitation.

n. Other WTO commitments.

III. Procedures for Written Submissions

To be assured of consideration, submit your written comments, requests to testify, and written testimony by the September 18, 2024, 11:59 p.m. EDT deadline. All submissions must be in English. USTR strongly encourages submissions via *Regulations.gov*, using Docket Number USTR-2024-0011.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2024–0010]

Request for Comments and Public Hearing About the Administration's Action Following a Determination of Import Injury With Regard to Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber (PSF)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: On July 9, 2024, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) determined that fine denier polyester staple fiber (PSF) is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article that is like or directly competitive with the imported article. The Commissioners who voted in the affirmative are now conducting a process to recommend a safeguard measure for the President. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), on behalf of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is announcing a process so that, once the USITC makes its recommendation and issues its report to the President, domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties subsequently may submit their views and evidence on the appropriateness of the recommended safeguard measure and whether it would be in the public interest. USTR also invites interested parties to participate in a public hearing regarding this matter.

DATES:

September 9, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written comments, requests to testify, and summaries of written testimony.

September 16, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written responses to the initial round of comments.

September 30, 2024: The TPSC will hold a public hearing in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through

the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section III below. The docket number is USTR–2024–0010. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Rachel Hasandras at Rachel.B.Hasandras@ustr.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Victor Mroczka, Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs, at Victor_S_Mroczka@ustr.eop.gov or 202.395.9450; Rachel Hasandras or Michael Gagain, Office of the General Counsel, at or 202.395.9529, or respectively, Rachel.B.Hasandras@ustr.eop.gov or Michael.T.Gagain@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The USITC Investigation and Section 201

On March 8, 2024, following receipt of a petition for import relief, as filed on February 28, 2024, the USITC instituted investigation No. TA–201–078 under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252) on imported PSF, on the basis of a petition requesting import relief properly filed by Fiber Industries LLC d/b/a Darling Fibers, Nan Ya Plastics Corp. America, and Sun Fiber (collectively, petitioners). The USITC notice of institution (89 FR 18435) identifies the scope of the products covered by this investigation.

On July 9, 2024, after receiving submissions from interested parties and holding a public hearing on June 4, 2024 that provided an opportunity to present opposing views and supporting evidence, the USITC determined that the increased importation of PSF is a substantial cause of serious injury, or threat thereof, to the domestic industry. The USITC determination and additional information about the investigation, including the administrative record consisting of briefs and other submissions, can be found in the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) on the USITC website at www.usitc.gov.

By August 26, 2024, after the remedy hearing and consideration of the submissions, the USITC will submit to the President a report with its recommendation on action(s) to address the serious injury, or threat thereof, to the domestic industry and to facilitate the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

II. Proposed Measure and Opportunity To Comment

Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251) authorizes the President, in the event of an affirmative

determination by the USITC, to take all appropriate and feasible action within his power that he determines will facilitate efforts by the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition and provide greater economic and social benefits than costs. The statute provides for the President to take action within 60 days after receiving the USITC report, subject to any decision the President makes to request additional information from the USITC. As noted above, the USITC is scheduled to transmit its report to the President by August 26, 2024. In accordance with section 203(a)(1)(C) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2253(a)(1)(C)), the TPSC will make a recommendation to the President. This recommendation will take into account the USITC recommendation, the extent to which the domestic industry will benefit from adjustment assistance, the efforts of the domestic industry to make positive adjustments, and other relevant considerations. The potential actions the President may take to provide a remedy in the form of a safeguard measure include:

- Imposition, or increase, of a duty on the imported articles in question.
- Use of a tariff-rate quota.
- Modification or imposition of any quantitative restriction on the importation of the articles into the United States.
- A proposal to negotiate and carry out an agreement with foreign countries to limit the exportation from foreign countries and importation into the United States.
- Procedures for the granting of import licenses.
- Other negotiations to identify the underlying cause of the increased imports to alleviate the injury or threat thereof.
- Legislative proposals that would facilitate a positive adjustment.
- Other action consistent with the President's authority.
- Any combination of these actions.

USTR offers these potential remedies for further consideration by domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties, and invites views and evidence on whether a proposed remedy is appropriate and in the public interest. In commenting on the action to take, we request that you address:

1. The appropriateness of any other proposed action and how it would be in the public interest.
2. The short- and long-term effects the proposed action is likely to have on the domestic PSF industry, other domestic industries, and downstream consumers.