



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

August 11, 2020

Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as the Commission proceeds with alternative solutions during the COVID-19 pandemic. I am providing information and guidance on this matter for Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1534-1536 (Preliminary), *Methionine from France, Japan, and Spain*.

In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building, the Commission has determined to conduct a public Title VII preliminary staff conference via video conference. The schedule for the conference in this proceeding is as follows:

- **August 17, 2020 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit requests to testify.

- **August 18, 2020 by 12:00 p.m.:**
Parties submit and serve witness testimony in the form of certified affidavits.
 - Petitioners have a 50-page limit for direct witness testimony, in total.
 - Respondents have a 50-page limit for direct witness testimony, in total.

- **August 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.:**
Public conference via video conference.
 1. Office Director's Opening Statement
 2. Opening Remarks by Those in Support of Imposition (5 minutes)
 3. Opening Remarks by Those in Opposition to Imposition (5 minutes)
 4. Direct Presentation by Those in Support of Imposition (60 minutes)
 5. Commission Staffs' Q&As with Those in Support of Imposition
 6. Break
 7. Direct Presentation by Those in Opposition to Imposition (60 minutes)
 8. Commission Staffs' Q&As with Those in Opposition to Imposition
 9. Closing Remarks by Those in Support of Imposition (10 minutes)
 10. Closing Remarks by Those in Opposition to Imposition (10 minutes)
 11. Office Director's Closing Statement

- **August 24, 2020 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit and serve posthearing briefs and responses to any additional questions (BPI versions on **August 24, 2020**, public versions **August 25, 2020**).

Please note the Secretary's Office will accept only electronic filings during this time. Filings must be made through the Commission's Electronic Document Information System (EDIS, <https://edis.usitc.gov>). No in-person paper-based filings or paper copies of any electronic filings will be accepted until further notice.

Information concerning joining the video conference hearing (via Go To Meeting) can be found on the Commission's Daily Calendar at:

https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/preliminary_conference_no_in_person_conference_.htm 13

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission