



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

November 22, 2021

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. No. 731-TA-1575-1577 (Preliminary), *Emulsion Styrene-Butadiene Rubber from Czechia, Italy, and Russia*.

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 videoconference. The schedule for the conference in this proceeding is as follows (**all times EST**):

- **Thursday, December 2, 2021 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit requests to testify.

- **Friday, December 3, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.:**
Parties shall submit and serve witness/counsel testimony and presentation slides; these filings should be in the form of certified affidavits.
 - Petitioners have a 50-page limit for direct witness/counsel testimony, in total, not including presentation slides.
 - Respondents have a 50-page limit for direct witness/counsel testimony, in total, not including presentation slides.
 - This does not include opening/closing remarks.

- **Monday, December 6, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.:**
Public conference via videoconference (see link below).
 1. Presiding Official'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. *****POSSIBLE 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. Presiding Official's Closing Statement

- **Thursday, December 9, 2021 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit and serve post conference briefs and responses to any additional questions (BPI versions on **Thursday, December 9, 2021**; public versions on **Friday, December 10, 2021**).

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. Please also note that parties who submit joint briefs should not also submit individual briefs.

Information concerning joining the videoconference conference (via Webex) can be found on the Commission's Daily Calendar at:

https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/preliminary_conference_emulsion_styrene_butadiene.htm
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Please address any questions to preliminaryconferences@usitc.gov.

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Secretary to the Commission