



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

May 4, 2022

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. 701-TA-670 and 731-TA-1570 (Final), *Freight Rail Coupler Systems and Components from China*.

In accordance with 19 U.S.C. section 1677c(a)(1), and in light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building, the Commission will conduct its public hearing via videoconference. The schedule for the hearing in this proceeding is as follows (all times EST):

- **Monday, May 9, 2022 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit requests to testify.

- **Wednesday, May 11, 2022 by 4:00 p.m.:**
Parties must submit (via EDIS) and serve witness testimony and presentation slides on all parties on the public service list; must include the certification as required by 19 CFR 201.8(e). Note that this is not intended to replace oral testimony, but rather to help ensure that Commissioners, Commission staff, and fellow parties are able to follow along in the event we encounter any technical difficulties. This does not include opening/closing remarks.

- **Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.:**
Public Hearing via videoconference (see link below).
 1. Chair'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. Commissioners' Q&As with Those in Support of Imposition
 6. ** POSSIBLE LUNCH BREAK **
 7. Direct Presentation by Those in Opposition to Imposition (60 minutes)
 8. Commissioners' Q&As with Those in Opposition to Imposition
 9. Closing Remarks by Those in Support of Imposition (5 minutes plus remaining time from direct)
 10. Closing Remarks by Those in Opposition to Imposition (5 minutes plus time remaining from direct)
 11. Chair's Closing Statement

- **Friday, May 20, 2022 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit and serve posthearing briefs and responses to any additional questions (BPI versions on **Friday, May 20, 2022**, and public versions on **Monday, May 23, 2022**).

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 should not also submit individual briefs.

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

https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/usitc_hearing_freight_rail_coupler_systems_and_.htm

Please address any questions or concerns to commissionhearings@usitc.gov.

Again, thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission