

Office of the Secretary



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

October 6, 2022

Dear Counsel:

Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as the Commission proceeds with an in-person hearing format going forward. I am providing information and guidance on procedures for Inv. No. 731-TA-1574 (Final), *Superabsorbent Polymers from South Korea*.

With the reopening of the building to the public on September 29, 2022, the Commission will conduct its public hearing via in-person format to include in-person and virtual attendance. The proceeding schedule for this hybrid hearing is as follows (**all times EDT**):

- **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit requests to testify.
 - Any requests to appear as a **witness via videoconference** must be included with your request to appear. Requests to appear via videoconference must include a statement explaining why the witness cannot appear in person; the Chairman, or other person designated to conduct the investigation, may in their discretion for good cause shown, grant such a request.
 - Requests to appear as **remote witness** due to illness or a positive COVID-19 test result may be submitted by 3pm the business day prior to the hearing.
 - If the District of Columbia community levels reach HIGH, the hearing will be virtual using the WebEx platform.

- **Monday, October 17, 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 during the Hybrid proceeding. This does not include opening/closing remarks. Paper copies at the hearing are not required. All presentations must be shown via Webex.

- **Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 9:30 a.m.:**
Public Hearing via in-person format (see link below for videoconference information).
 1. Chairman’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. Chairman’s Closing Statement

- **Tuesday, October 25, 2022 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit and serve posthearing briefs and responses to any additional questions (BPI versions on **Tuesday, October 25, 2022**, and public versions on **Wednesday, October 26, 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 briefs should not also submit individual briefs.

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

https://usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/usitc_hearing_in_person_superabsorbent_polymers_.htm

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

Again, thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Acting Secretary to the Commission