IV. Request for Comments

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department/Bureau to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Evaluate ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments that you submit in response to this notice are a matter of public record. We will include or summarize each comment in our request to OMB to approve this ICR. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you may ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Sheleen Dumas,
Department PRA Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Commerce Department.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Broadband Grant Programs Public Virtual Listening Sessions

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will host broadband grant program public virtual listening sessions in connection with the five new broadband grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program; the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. These public virtual listening sessions are designed to collect stakeholder input to help inform program development and implementation.

DATES: NTIA will hold the public virtual listening sessions based on the following schedule:

1. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session #1: Wednesday, December 15, 2021, from 2:30–4:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET);
2. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session #2: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, from 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET;
3. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session #3: Wednesday, January 26, 2022, from 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET;
4. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session #4: Wednesday, February 9, 2022, from 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET; and
5. Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Broadband Programs Public Virtual Listening Session #5: Wednesday, February 23, 2022, from 2:30–4:00 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: These listening sessions will be hosted via NTIA’s virtual platform and conducted as a live public listening session. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website at https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maci Morin, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4872, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4884; email: BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482–7002; email press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (Pub. L. 117–58) authorized and funded five new broadband grant programs to be administered by NTIA: The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program; the Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program; and the Digital Equity Act Programs, which include the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program.
Program, and Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program. The Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program is a $42.45 billion formula-based program to states, territories, and the District of Columbia for qualifying broadband deployment, mapping, and adoption project. The Enabling Middle Mile Broadband Infrastructure Program is a competitive $1 billion grant program for the construction, improvement or acquisition of middle-mile infrastructure. The Digital Equity Act Programs—which includes the State Digital Equity Planning Grant Program, State Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program, and the Digital Equity Competitive Grant Program—allocate $2.75 billion to promote digital inclusion and equity for communities that lack the skills, technologies, and support needed to take advantage of broadband connections.

NTIA will host broadband grant program virtual listening sessions in connection with the five new broadband grant programs authorized and funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. These virtual listening sessions are designed to collect stakeholder input to help inform program development and implementation.

These virtual listening sessions are subject to change. Session time changes will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events. Any public virtual listening session cancellations will also be posted on the same website. Any date change to a scheduled public virtual listening session will be provided in a notice in the Federal Register.

The presentation recording, and transcript of each public virtual listening session will be posted on the BroadbandUSA website at https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/ and NTIA’s YouTube channel at: https://www.youtube.com/ntiagov within seven (7) days following the live session.

The public is invited to participate in these public virtual listening sessions. Pre-registration is required as space is limited to the first 1,000 participants. NTIA will post the registration information on its BroadbandUSA website at https://broadbandusa.ntia.doc.gov/events/latest-events. NTIA asks each registrant to provide their first and last name, city, state, zip code, job title, organization and email address for registration purposes.

Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify the NTIA contact listed above at least ten (10) business days before the session.

General questions and comments are welcome via email to BroadbandForAll@ntia.gov.

Dated: December 1, 2021.

Kathy Smith,
Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on a Commercial Availability Request Under the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a request for modification of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS) rules of origin for certain textile products.

SUMMARY: The government of the United States (“United States”) received a request from the Government of Korea (“Korea”), submitted on November 9, 2021, to initiate consultations under Article 4.2.3 of the KORUS. Korea is requesting that the United States and Korea (“the Parties”) consider revising the rules of origin for certain woven fabrics to address availability of supply of yarns in the territories of the Parties.

The President of the United States may proclaim a modification to the KORUS rules of origin for textile and apparel products after the United States reaches an agreement with Korea on a modification under Article 4.2.5 of the KORUS to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether certain textured and non-textured triacetate filament yarns can be supplied by the U.S. domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by January 5, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments electronically to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements at OTEXA_Korea_FTA@trade.gov. Please see the instructions below for other means of submissions, and submission of comments containing business confidential information.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 202(o)(2)(C) of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3805 note) (KORUS Implementation Act); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended. Background: Article 4.2.3 of the KORUS provides that, on the request of either Party, the Parties shall consult to consider whether the rules of origin applicable to a particular textile or apparel good should be revised to address issues of availability of supply of fibers, yarns, or fabrics in the territories of the Parties. In the consultations, pursuant to Article 4.2.4 of the KORUS, each Party shall consider all data presented by the other Party that demonstrate substantial production in its territory of a particular fiber, yarn, or fabric. The Parties shall consider that there is substantial production if a Party demonstrates that its domestic producers are capable of supplying commercial quantities of the fiber, yarn, or fabric in a timely manner. The KORUS Implementation Act provides the President with the authority to proclaim as part of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, modifications to the KORUS rules of origin set out in Annex 4–A of the KORUS as are necessary to implement an agreement with Korea under Article 4.2.5 of the KORUS, subject to the consultation and layover requirements of Section 104 of the KORUS Implementation Act. See Section 202(o)(2)(C)(iii) of the KORUS Implementation Act.

Executive Order 11651 established CITA to supervise the implementation of textile trade agreements and authorizes the Chairman of CITA to take actions or recommend that appropriate officials or agencies of the United States take actions necessary to implement textile trade agreements. 37 FR 4699 (March 3, 1972) reprinted as amended in 7 U.S.C. Sec. 1854 note. The Government of the United States received a request from the Government of Korea, submitted on November 9, 2021, requesting that the United States consider whether the KORUS rule of origin for certain woven fabrics should be modified to allow the use of certain yarns that are not originating under the KORUS. The yarns subject to this request, and their specific end-uses, are described below.