

The U.S.-China Agreement Bilateral Evaluation and Dispute Resolution Office Seeks Input from Companies, Industry Associations, and Other Interested Persons.

In the Economic and Trade Agreement between the United States and China (the “Agreement”) signed on January 15, 2020, China committed to address a wide range of U.S. concerns with China’s trade policy, including by making structural reforms and other changes to China’s economic and trade regime in the areas of intellectual property, technology transfer, agriculture, financial services, and currency and foreign exchange. The Agreement entered into force on February 14, 2020.

On February 14, 2020, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) formed the Bilateral Evaluation and Dispute Resolution Office (the “Office”). The Office, with input from other U.S. agencies, is currently monitoring China’s implementation of its commitments and working with China to address concerns related to the Agreement.

U.S. companies, industry associations, and other interested persons play a critical role in ensuring that China fully implements its commitments. They have detailed knowledge of the effects of China’s policies on their sectors and first-hand information on official acts or practices whether written or not. Their concerns and views will contribute significantly to the setting of USTR enforcement priorities and actions with respect to the Agreement.

USTR encourages interested persons who have information about or concerns related to China’s implementation of the Agreement to contact USTR’s China office and relevant policy offices. They may submit information confidentially to USTR at MBX.USTR.ChinaPhaseOneComments@ustr.eop.gov, or call the Office directly at 202-395-5769.

USTR will keep confidential any information (including the identity of a person as a submitter of concerns) that an interested person designates as business confidential information (BCI) to the extent permitted by law. The interested person should designate BCI properly by labeling submissions and certifying that the information is not customarily released to the public and is not available to the public from other sources. BCI sent by email should be in an attachment, not in the body of the email. The email header should indicate that it contains a BCI submission. Please direct any questions about confidentiality or the form of submission to the Office at the above number.