



Washington D.C., March 15, 2024

The Honorable Cheong Inkyo  
Minister for Trade  
Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy  
Sejong-si  
Republic of Korea

Dear Minister Cheong:

On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I have the honor to confirm the understanding, as set forth below, reached between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, following consultations under Article 4.2.3 of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea (“Agreement”), to modify a certain textile and apparel rule of origin contained in Annex 4-A (Specific Rules of Origin for Textile or Apparel Goods) of the Agreement.

The modification would replace the existing rule of origin for fabrics classified in heading 54.08 of the Harmonized System, to permit the use of non-originating textured or non-textured filament yarns of cuprammonium rayon in the production of certain woven fabrics. Specifically, the following rule shall supersede the existing rule of origin in Annex 4-A of the Agreement:

5408      A change to heading 54.08 from subheading 5403.10, 5403.31 through 5403.32, cuprammonium rayon yarn of subheading 5403.39, subheading 5403.41, or any other chapter, except from heading 51.06 through 51.10, 52.05 through 52.06, any other good of subheading 5403.39, or 55.09 through 55.10.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments to amend the Agreement pursuant to Article 24.2 of the Agreement. I have the further honor to propose that our two Governments shall notify each other in writing of the completion of their respective legal procedures required for the entry into force of this agreement, and that this agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of the last such notification.

Sincerely,

  
Ambassador Katherine Tai



**(Korea's Replying Letter)**

Washington D.C., March 15, 2024

The Honorable Katherine Tai  
United States Trade Representative  
The Office of the United States Trade Representative  
Washington, D.C.  
United States of America

Dear Ambassador Tai :

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 15, 2024 which reads as follows:

“On behalf of the Government of the United States of America, I have the honor to confirm the understanding, as set forth below, reached between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea, following consultations under Article 4.2.3 of the Free Trade Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea (“Agreement”), to modify a certain textile and apparel rule of origin contained in Annex 4-A (Specific Rules of Origin for Textile or Apparel Goods) of the Agreement.

The modification would replace the existing rule of origin for fabrics classified in heading 54.08 of the Harmonized System, to permit the use of non-originating textured or non-textured filament yarns of cuprammonium rayon in the production of certain woven fabrics. Specifically, the following rule shall supersede the existing rule of origin in Annex 4-A of the Agreement:

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I have the further honor to accept your proposal on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and to confirm that your letter and this letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments and, that our two Governments shall notify each other in writing of the

completion of their respective legal procedures required for the entry into force of this agreement, and that this agreement shall enter into force 30 days after the date of the last such notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Inkyo Cheong', written in a cursive style.

Cheong Inkyo

Minister for Trade