



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

October 8, 2020

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. 731-TA-1546-1549 (Preliminary), *Thermal Paper from Germany, Japan, Korea, and Spain*.

In light of the restrictions on access to the Commission building, the Commission has determined to conduct a public Title VII preliminary staff conference via videoconference. The schedule for the conference in this proceeding is as follows:

- **October 26, 2020 by 5:15 p.m.:**  
Parties submit requests to testify.
- **October 27, 2020 by 12:00 p.m.:**  
Parties submit and serve witness testimony in the form of certified affidavits.
  - Petitioners have a 50-page limit for direct witness testimony, in total.
  - Respondents have a 50-page limit for direct witness testimony, in total.
- **October 28, 2020 at 9:30 a.m.:**  
Public conference via videoconference (see link below).
  1. Office Director'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. Commission Staffs' Q&As with Those in Support of Imposition
  6. **\*\*Break\*\***
  7. Direct Presentation by Those in Opposition to Imposition (**60 minutes**)
  8. Commission Staffs' Q&As with Those in Opposition to Imposition
  9. Closing Remarks by Those in Support of Imposition (**10 minutes**)
  10. Closing Remarks by Those in Opposition to Imposition (**10 minutes**)
  11. Office Director's Closing Statement

- **November 2, 2020 by 5:15 p.m.:**  
Parties submit and serve posthearing briefs and responses to any additional questions (BPI versions on **November 2, 2020**; public versions on **November 3, 2020**).

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.

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

[https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/preliminary\\_conference\\_no\\_in\\_person\\_conference\\_.htm\\_17](https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/preliminary_conference_no_in_person_conference_.htm_17)

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Secretary to the Commission