



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20436

October 18, 2021

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. 701-TA-670 and 731-TA-1570 (Preliminary), *Freight Rail Coupler Systems and Components from China*.

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 (**all times DST**):

- **Monday, October 18, 2021 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit requests to testify.
- **Tuesday, October 19, 2021 by 12:00 p.m.:**
Parties shall submit and serve witness/counsel testimony and presentation slides; these filings should be in the form of certified affidavits.
 - Petitioners have a 50-page limit for direct witness/counsel testimony, in total, not including presentation slides.
 - Respondents have a 50-page limit for direct witness/counsel testimony, in total, not including presentation slides.
- **Wednesday, October 20, 2021 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. *****POSSIBLE 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

- **Monday, October 25, 2021 by 5:15 p.m.:**
Parties submit and serve post conference briefs and responses to any additional questions (BPI versions on **Monday, October 25, 2021**; public versions on **Tuesday, October 26, 2021**).

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 videoconference conference (via Webex) can be found on the Commission's Daily Calendar at:

https://www.usitc.gov/calendarpad/events/preliminary_conference_no_in_person_conference_.htm_25

Please address any questions to preliminaryconferences@usitc.gov.

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Lisa R. Barton
Secretary to the Commission

