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Mr. Kim Young-Hak
Deputy Minister for
Major Manufacturing Industries
Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Energy
Republic of Korea

Dear Deputy Minister Kim:

During the course of negotiations regarding Chapter Four (Textiles and Apparel) of the United States – Korea Free Trade Agreement between our two Governments signed this day (the “Agreement”), Korea expressed its strong interest in adding certain cotton sheeting fabrics, man-made fiber knit fabrics, polyester and synthetic filament fabrics, and wool fabrics to the list of the United States to Appendix 4-B of the Agreement, in order to provide greater flexibility to Korean producers in satisfying the Agreement’s rules of origin for textile and apparel goods.

I am pleased to confirm that upon receipt of a request from your Government or another interested entity after the entry into force of the Agreement that describes the fabrics in detail, the United States will consider the request in accordance with the procedures set out in Annex 4-B of the Agreement. Under those procedures, the United States will make its decision on the request within 30 business days of receiving the request unless it has insufficient information, in which case it will make its decision within an additional 30 business days.

I look forward to working closely with you and your Government in connection with the implementation of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Scott Quesenberry
Special Textile Negotiator