

June 30, 2007

Mr. Kim Young-Hak  
Director General for  
Major Manufacturing Industries Office  
Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Energy  
Gwacheon, Republic of Korea

Dear Director General Kim:

During the course of negotiations regarding Chapter Four (Textiles and Apparel) of the Free Trade Agreement between our two Governments signed this day, Korea expressed its strong interest in adding certain cotton sheeting fabrics, man-made fiber knit fabrics, polyester and other synthetic filament fabrics, and wool fabrics to the list of the United States in Appendix 4-B-1 (Fibers, Yarns, and Fabrics Not Available in Commercial Quantities) 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 date of 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 (Fibers, Yarns, and Fabrics Not Available in Commercial Quantities) 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 Free Trade Agreement.

Sincerely,

Scott Quesenberry  
Special Textile Negotiator