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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(B) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS
UPON MAKING A FINDING OF SERIOUS INJURY OR THREAT
THEREOF CAUSED BY INCREASED IMPORTS**

UNITED STATES

Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber

Supplement

The following communication, dated and received on 12 August 2024, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

Pursuant to Article 12.1(b) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the United States is supplementing its 11 July 2024 notification with additional information regarding the process to be followed by the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) whereby domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties may submit their views and evidence on the appropriateness of the recommended safeguard measure and whether it would be in the public interest.

As notified in [G/SG/N/8/USA/11](#) (dated 12 July 2024), on July 9, 2024, the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) determined that imports of fine denier polyester staple fiber are being imported in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industry.

The Commission is now considering the appropriate remedy to recommend to the President, and will forward its injury findings and remedy recommendations to the President by August 26, 2024. USTR will commence a process whereby domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties may submit their views and evidence on the appropriateness of the recommended safeguard measure and whether it would be in the public interest. The relevant dates are as follows:

- Deadline for submission of written comments and request to appear at the public hearing: 9 September 2024
- Deadline for submission of written responses to the initial round of comments: 16 September 2024
- Public hearing: 30 September 2024

The Federal Register notice¹ announcing this process, and providing further information regarding the submission of comments and request to appear at the public hearing, and the public hearing, is attached.

¹ A copy of the Federal Register notice is available electronically. To consult this document, please contact Ms Anne Richards (anne.richards@wto.org) of the Rules Division.

Number USTR–2024–0011 in the search field on the home page.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2024–0010]

Request for Comments and Public Hearing About the Administration's Action Following a Determination of Import Injury With Regard to Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber (PSF)

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and
notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: On July 9, 2024, the United States International Trade Commission (USITC) determined that fine denier polyester staple fiber (PSF) is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article that is like or directly competitive with the imported article. The Commissioners who voted in the affirmative are now conducting a process to recommend a safeguard measure for the President. The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR), on behalf of the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC), is announcing a process so that, once the USITC makes its recommendation and issues its report to the President, domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties subsequently may submit their views and evidence on the appropriateness of the recommended safeguard measure and whether it would be in the public interest. USTR also invites interested parties to participate in a public hearing regarding this matter.

DATES:

September 9, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written comments, requests to testify, and summaries of written testimony.

September 16, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written responses to the initial round of comments.

September 30, 2024: The TPSC will hold a public hearing in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through

the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the instructions for submitting comments in section III below. The docket number is USTR–2024–0010. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Rachel Hasandras at Rachel.B.Hasandras@ustr.eop.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victor Mroczka, Office of WTO and Multilateral Affairs, at Victor_S_Mroczka@ustr.eop.gov or 202.395.9450; Rachel Hasandras or Michael Gagain, Office of the General Counsel, at or 202.395.9529, or respectively, Rachel.B.Hasandras@ustr.eop.gov or Michael.T.Gagain@ustr.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. The USITC Investigation and Section 201

On March 8, 2024, following receipt of a petition for import relief, as filed on February 28, 2024, the USITC instituted investigation No. TA–201–078 under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252) on imported PSF, on the basis of a petition requesting import relief properly filed by Fiber Industries LLC d/b/a Darling Fibers, Nan Ya Plastics Corp. America, and Sun Fiber (collectively, petitioners). The USITC notice of institution (89 FR 18435) identifies the scope of the products covered by this investigation.

On July 9, 2024, after receiving submissions from interested parties and holding a public hearing on June 4, 2024 that provided an opportunity to present opposing views and supporting evidence, the USITC determined that the increased importation of PSF is a substantial cause of serious injury, or threat thereof, to the domestic industry. The USITC determination and additional information about the investigation, including the administrative record consisting of briefs and other submissions, can be found in the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) on the USITC website at www.usitc.gov.

By August 26, 2024, after the remedy hearing and consideration of the submissions, the USITC will submit to the President a report with its recommendation on action(s) to address the serious injury, or threat thereof, to the domestic industry and to facilitate the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

II. Proposed Measure and Opportunity To Comment

Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2251) authorizes the President, in the event of an affirmative

determination by the USITC, to take all appropriate and feasible action within his power that he determines will facilitate efforts by the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition and provide greater economic and social benefits than costs. The statute provides for the President to take action within 60 days after receiving the USITC report, subject to any decision the President makes to request additional information from the USITC. As noted above, the USITC is scheduled to transmit its report to the President by August 26, 2024. In accordance with section 203(a)(1)(C) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2253(a)(1)(C)), the TPSC will make a recommendation to the President. This recommendation will take into account the USITC recommendation, the extent to which the domestic industry will benefit from adjustment assistance, the efforts of the domestic industry to make positive adjustments, and other relevant considerations. The potential actions the President may take to provide a remedy in the form of a safeguard measure include:

- Imposition, or increase, of a duty on the imported articles in question.
- Use of a tariff-rate quota.
- Modification or imposition of any quantitative restriction on the importation of the articles into the United States.
- A proposal to negotiate and carry out an agreement with foreign countries to limit the exportation from foreign countries and importation into the United States.
- Procedures for the granting of import licenses.
- Other negotiations to identify the underlying cause of the increased imports to alleviate the injury or threat thereof.
- Legislative proposals that would facilitate a positive adjustment.
- Other action consistent with the President's authority.
- Any combination of these actions.

USTR offers these potential remedies for further consideration by domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties, and invites views and evidence on whether a proposed remedy is appropriate and in the public interest. In commenting on the action to take, we request that you address:

1. The appropriateness of any other proposed action and how it would be in the public interest.
2. The short- and long-term effects the proposed action is likely to have on the domestic PSF industry, other domestic industries, and downstream consumers.

3. The short- and long-term effects that not taking the proposed action is likely to have on the domestic PSF industry, its workers, and on other domestic industries and communities.

III. Hearing Participation

The TPSC will convene a public hearing on September 30, 2024, in Rooms 1 and 2, 1724 F Street NW, Washington, DC. USTR will provide information about the format and schedule for the hearing to interested parties. Requests to testify must include the following information: (1) name, address, telephone number, email address, and firm or affiliation of the individual wishing to testify, and (2) a brief summary of the proposed oral presentation.

IV. Submission Instructions

USTR seeks public comments with respect to the issues described in Section II. To be assured of consideration, you must submit written comments, requests to appear at the hearing, and summaries of testimony by 11:59 p.m. EST on September 09, 2024, and any written responses to those comments by 11:59 p.m. EST on September 16, 2024. The request to appear must include a summary of testimony, and may be accompanied by a prehearing submission. All comments must be in English and must identify on the reference line of the first page of the submission "Potential Action: Fine Denier PSF."

USTR strongly encourages commenters to make on-line submissions, using *Regulations.gov*. To submit comments via *Regulations.gov*, enter docket number USTR-2024-0010 on the home page and click "search." The site will provide a search-results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice and click on the link entitled "Comment Now!"

For further information on using *Regulations.gov*, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking "How to Use Regulations.gov" on the bottom of the home page. USTR will not accept hand-delivered submissions.

The *Regulations.gov* website allows users to provide comments by filling in a "Type Comment" field, or by attaching a document using an "Upload File" field. USTR prefers that you provide comments as an attached document in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If the submission is in another file format, please indicate the name of the software application in the "Type Comment" field. File names should reflect the

name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Please do not attach separate cover letters to electronic submissions; rather, include any information that might appear in a cover letter in the comments themselves. Similarly, to the extent possible, please include any exhibits, annexes, or other attachments in the same file as the comment itself, rather than submitting them as separate files.

For any comments submitted electronically that contain business confidential information (BCI), the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters "BCI". Any page containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" on the top of that page and the submission should clearly indicate, via brackets, highlighting, or other means, the specific information that is business confidential. A filer requesting business confidential treatment must certify that the information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Filers of submissions containing business confidential information also must submit a public version of their comments. The file name of the public version should begin with the character "P". Follow the "BCI" and "P" with the name of the person or entity submitting the comments. Filers submitting comments containing no BCI should name their file using the name of the person or entity submitting the comments.

As noted, USTR strongly urge submitters to file comments through *Regulations.gov*. You must make arrangements for any alternative method of submission with Rachel Hasandras at Rachel.B.Hasandras@ustr.eop.gov in advance of the relevant deadline and before transmitting a comment.

You can find general information about USTR at www.ustr.gov.

USTR will post comments in the docket for public inspection, except properly designated BCI. You can view comments on *Regulations.gov* by entering the docket number in the search field on the home page.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket Number: FAA-2024-2081]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Requests for Comments; Clearance of Renewed Approval of Information Collection: Airport Noise Compatibility Planning

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The collection involves information on voluntary airport noise compatibility programs. The information to be collected is necessary because noise compatibility program measures are eligible for Federal grants in-aid if they are provided to FAA for review and approval in advance. The respondents are airport sponsors/operators that voluntarily submit noise exposure maps and noise compatibility programs to the FAA for review and approval.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted by October 4, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA. Comments can be submitted by electronic mail to oirasubmission@omb.eop.gov or by the following additional options:

By Electronic Docket:
www.regulations.gov (Enter docket number into search field).

By mail to: The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or

By fax to: 202-395-6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Staehle by electronic mail at: susan.staehle@faa.gov or by phone at: 202-267-7935.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Comments Invited: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including (a) Whether the proposed collection of