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**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT ON SAFEGUARDS  
UPON TAKING A DECISION TO APPLY OR EXTEND A SAFEGUARD MEASURE**

UNITED STATES

*Fine Denier Polyester Staple Fiber*

*Supplement*

The following communication, dated and received on 28 May 2026, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

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Pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the WTO Agreement on Safeguards (Safeguards Agreement), the United States notifies that it has initiated a review of the situation with respect to the safeguard measure on fine denier polyester staple fiber, notified to the Committee in [G/SG/N/8/USA/11/Suppl.4](#) - [G/SG/N/10/USA/9](#) - [G/SG/N/11/USA/8](#) (dated 9 November 2024), [G/SG/N/8/USA/11/Suppl.5](#) - [G/SG/N/10/USA/9/Suppl.1](#) - [G/SG/N/11/USA/8/Suppl.1](#) (dated 18 November 2024), and [G/SG/N/8/USA/11/Suppl.5/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/10/USA/9/Suppl.1/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/11/USA/8/Suppl.1/Rev.1](#) (dated 20 November 2024), as follows:

**1. Specify the date when the investigation was initiated**

The U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) initiated the investigation on 22 May 2026.

A copy of the Federal Register notice, published on 28 May 2026, is attached and includes the scheduling of a public hearing, deadlines for the filing of written submission, and any applicable rules of procedure.\*

**2. Provide the precise description of the product involved**

The products covered by this investigation are described in the Presidential Proclamation published in the Federal Register on 20 November 2024, and notified in [G/SG/N/8/USA/11/Suppl.5/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/10/USA/9/Suppl.1/Rev.1](#) - [G/SG/N/11/USA/8/Suppl.1/Rev.1](#) (dated 20 November 2024).

**3. Provide the reasons for the initiation of the investigation**

The U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) has initiated this investigation for the purpose of preparing a report to the President and the Congress, as required by section 204(a)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974 (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. sec. 2254(a)(2)) on its monitoring of developments in the domestic industry following the President's decision to impose a safeguard measure on imports of fine denier polyester staple fiber. Section 204(a)(1) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. sec. 2254(a)(1)) requires the Commission to monitor developments with respect to the domestic industry, including the progress and specific efforts made by workers and firms in the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition, as long as any action under

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\* A copy of the Federal Register notice has been submitted electronically, and is available from the WTO Secretariat. To consult it, please contact Ms Anne Richards of the Rules Division ([anne.richards@wto.org](mailto:anne.richards@wto.org)).

section 203 of the Trade Act remains in effect. Whenever the initial period of such an action exceeds three years, section 204(a)(2) of the Trade Act requires the Commission to submit a report on the results of the monitoring to the President and the Congress no later than the mid-point of the initial period of relief – in this case by 23 November 2026.

**4. Provide a point of contact for the investigation and identify the preferred means for corresponding**

The point of contact for the investigation is:

Kristina Lara  
Office of Investigations  
U.S. International Trade Commission  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20436  
Tel: (202-205-3386)

The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at <https://edis.usitc.gov>.

**5. Provide the deadlines and procedures for importers, exporters and other interested parties to present evidence and their views, including:**

- (i) deadlines and procedures for Members and exporters to identify themselves as interested parties, if so required, to participate in the investigation; and**
- (ii) the date of the intended public hearing as provided for in Article 3.1.**

Persons wishing to participate in the investigation must file an entry of appearance with the Secretary to the Commission, not later than 21 days after publication of the Federal Register notice, or by 18 June 2026.

Each party who is an interested party may submit a prehearing brief to the Commission. The deadline for filing prehearing briefs is 24 September 2026. Parties may also file post-hearing briefs by 8 October 2026.

The Commission has scheduled a hearing for 1 October 2026, at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC.

Requests to appear at the hearings should be filed in writing with the Secretary to the Commission on or before 25 September 2026.

All parties and nonparties desiring to appear at the hearings and make oral presentations should participate in prehearing conferences to be held on 28 September 2026.

Parties may file written testimony in connection with their presentation at the hearing. Parties must submit any request to present a portion of their hearing testimony in camera no later than 7 business days prior to the date of the hearing.

In addition, any person who has not entered an appearance as a party may submit a written statement concerning the matters to be addressed in the Commission's report to the President on or before 8 October 2026.

The attached Federal Register notice provides further information regarding deadlines and procedures applicable to this investigation.

The Commission's Handbook on E-Filing, available on the Commission's website at [https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/documents/handbook\\_on\\_filing\\_procedures.pdf](https://www.usitc.gov/secretary/documents/handbook_on_filing_procedures.pdf), elaborates upon the Commission's rules with respect to electronic filing.