

FAQs for Request for Comments in the Four-Year Review of Actions Taken in the Section 301 Investigation: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation

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<https://comments.ustr.gov/s/>

Q: What is the time period for submitting comments?

A: The docket for comments opened November 15, 2022, and will close at 11:59 pm EST on January 17, 2023.

Q: Do I need to create an account?

A: No. This docket allows for the submission of comments without creating or logging into an account.

Q: How can an interested person submit a comment?

A: Please submit all comments electronically via <https://comments.ustr.gov/s/> (document ID: USTR–2022–0014). On the docket page, click on “Open Dockets” and then click on “Submit Comment” within the docket titled *Request for Comments in Four-Year Review of Actions Taken in the Section 301 Investigation: China’s Acts, Policies, and Practices Related to Technology Transfer, Intellectual Property, and Innovation*

Once posted on the docket, the public version of the comment can be viewed by clicking on the “Access Public Docket” section.

Q: Do the questions have a character or word limit?

A: The text boxes provided for open-ended questions allow enough space for detailed, substantive answers. However, if submitters require additional space, they can provide supplemental information in an attachment at the end of the docket. However, attachments should supplement responses provided in the boxes and **not** replace those responses.

Q: Where can I find more detailed instructions on submitting a comment?

A: For detailed instructions on how to submit a comment on the docket, please refer to the Federal Register Notice associated with this docket by clicking [here](#). A preview of the docket questions and explanatory note can also be found on the Section 301 section of USTR.gov or by clicking [here](#).

Q: Can I submit BCI?

A: Certain questions will allow for the submission of Business Confidential Information (BCI). If you request business confidential treatment, you must certify the information is business confidential, disclosure of the information would endanger trade secrets or profitability, and such information is not generally available. For questions you are requesting confidential treatment, you must also provide a nonconfidential (Public) version in the box provided. Confidential responses should have BCI clearly marked with double brackets [[BCI]]. Nonconfidential (Public) versions should have BCI removed from the double brackets [[]]. For additional questions regarding the submission of confidential information, please call the 301 hotline at 202-395-5725.

Q: Can I submit my responses in attachments?

A: You should submit responses in the provided text boxes. Attachments can be submitted at the end of the docket, but should only be used to supplement the responses you have submitted in the provided boxes for each question. In other words, Attachments do **not** replace those responses. In addition, if you provide an attachment that contains BCI, you must also provide a nonconfidential (Public) version.

Q: Can I discuss more than one sector and/or HTS code in the same comment?

A: Yes. The beginning of each respective section will ask whether the user would like to comment on a specific sector or HTS code. Please provide your comments pertaining to one sector or tariff code at a time. At the end of each section, the submitter will have an opportunity to add an additional sector or HTS code.

Q: Are you asking for 8-digit or 10-digit codes?

A: The actions apply additional duties to goods falling under 10,351 8-digit tariff codes and 57 10-digit tariff codes of the current Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The questions require the identification of the relevant tariff code (8-digit or 10-digit) subject to the actions.

For help finding the tariff code for the product you wish to comment on, see <http://hts.usitc.gov>

Q: Will interested persons have an opportunity to submit a response to comments submitted by others?

A: If interested persons have views on any matter covered by the four-year review, they should submit their views during the Nov. 15 to January 17 time period. At this time, USTR does not anticipate opening a second public comment process with respect to comments submitted during the Nov. 15 to January 17 time period.

Q: Can I submit a product exclusion request on this docket?

A: USTR does not currently have a process to accept new exclusion requests or comments on possible extensions of exclusions. However, commenters may present views during the four-year review on whether the actions should be modified by removing particular tariff subheadings.

Q: Do I need to answer all the questions?

A: You need only answer questions for which you have views on.

Q: Will there be a hearing in regard to possible modifications to the 301 action to address?

A: USTR will evaluate whether to provide additional opportunities for public comment through additional written comments or through public hearings.

Q: How long will the review take?

A: The length of time required for the review will depend on a number of factors, including the number and scope of comments received.

Q: How can interested persons contact USTR with additional questions?

A: Please call our Section 301 hotline. Our Section 301 hotline remains open during normal business hours (Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM ET) to answer questions from interested persons: (202) 395-5725.

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