November 18, 2013

H.E. Ambassador Michael B.G. Froman  
United States Trade Representative  
Office of the United States Trade Representative  
Washington, D.C.  
United States of America

Dear Ambassador Froman:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 26, 2013 and its Appendices. Your letter reads as follows:

"I have the honor to refer to the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (hereinafter referred to as the “Agreement”) signed in Washington, D.C. on June 30, 2007.

I have the further honor to propose by this letter to confirm on behalf of the Government of the United States of America the understanding reached by the United States of America and the Republic of Korea to amend and replace in their entirety Annex 4-A (Specific Rules of Origin for Textile or Apparel Goods), Annex 6-A (Specific Rules of Origin), and Appendix 6-A-1 (Correlation Table for Footwear) of the Agreement, as set forth in the Appendices to this letter. These amendments are technical adjustments that do not constitute substantive changes to the Agreement, and have the sole purpose of maintaining consistency between the Agreement, its Annexes and Appendices and each Party’s tariff laws and regulations.

Therefore, I have the honor to propose that this letter and its Appendices, and your letter of confirmation in reply and its Appendices, shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments on the amendments to the Agreement. I have the further honor to propose that this agreement and the amendments to the Agreement shall enter into force on such date as our two Governments agree, after they have exchanged written notifications certifying that they have completed their respective applicable legal requirements and procedures."

I have the further honor to accept your proposal on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Korea and to confirm that your letter and its Appendices and this letter of confirmation and its Appendices in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on such date as our two Governments agree, after they have exchanged written notifications certifying that they have completed their respective applicable legal requirements and procedures.

Sincerely,

Yoon Sang-jick  
Minister of Trade, Industry & Energy

Enclosure:  
Appendix 1: Annex 4-A  
Appendix 2: Annex 6-A, including Appendix 6-A-1