



THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 2018

The Honorable Hyun Chong Kim  
Trade Minister  
Sejong, Republic of Korea

Dear Minister Kim:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between the delegations of the United States of America (United States) and the Republic of Korea (Korea) with respect to the *Protocol between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Korea Amending the Free Trade Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea* (Protocol).

Recognizing the importance of timely completion of respective domestic procedures as necessary to bring the Protocol into force, both governments will endeavor to complete all procedures and to bring the Protocol into force no later than January 1, 2019.

Each government will exercise due restraint in invoking either Article 22.4 or Annex 22-A of the *Free Trade Agreement between the United States of America and the Republic of Korea* (Agreement) with respect to the other government's action in accordance with the Protocol during the period in which its domestic procedures for the entry into force are pending. During this period, should either government have concerns with respect to the other government's action in accordance with the Protocol, the Government of the United States and the Government of Korea will, consistent with Article 22.3 of the Agreement and at the request of either government, consult with a view to reaching a mutually satisfactory resolution of those concerns.

I look forward to your response to this letter as soon as possible confirming this understanding.

Sincerely,

Ambassador Robert E. Lighthizer  
United States Trade Representative



산업통상자원부  
MINISTRY OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND ENERGY  
REPUBLIC OF KOREA

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Ambassador Lighthizer:

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I have the further honor to confirm that my government shares the understanding expressed in your letter.

Sincerely,

Hyun Chong Kim