

June 30, 2007

The Honorable Hyun Chong Kim
Minister for Trade
Seoul, 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 and the Republic of Korea during the course of negotiations regarding Article 20.7.2(b) (Opportunities for Public Participation) of the Free Trade Agreement between our two Governments signed this day:

For greater certainty:

With respect to providing for the receipt of submissions from persons of either Party, Article 20.7.2(b) shall not be construed to require a Party to establish procedures that duplicate existing channels for the receipt of submissions from persons of a Party.

With respect to providing for the receipt of submissions from persons of the other Party, a Party may establish appropriate criteria, consistent with Article 20.7.2(b), for accepting such submissions. These criteria may include that such a submission shall be transmitted to it by the other Party and that the other Party shall transmit such a submission only if it has reason to believe that the submission is submitted by a person of the other Party and the submission concerns matters related to the implementation of specific provisions of Chapter Twenty (Environment). If a Party receives a submission that has been transmitted to it by the other Party, it shall provide its response directly to the person of the other Party.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding shall constitute an integral part of the Free Trade Agreement.

Sincerely,

Susan C. Schwab