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House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

Sincerely,

Paul D. Guaglianone,
*Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of
Legislative Affairs.*

March 13, 2026

Congressional Notification Transmittal Letter

Please find enclosed the following notification from the Department of State.

Department Notification Number:
DDTC 25–135.

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, please find enclosed a certification of a proposed license amendment for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Netherlands and Germany to support the modernization of aircraft cockpit upgrades.

The U.S. government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the U.S. firm concerned.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

[Docket Number USTR–2026–0497]

**Request for Comments and Notice of
Public Hearing Concerning Russia's
Implementation of Its WTO
Commitments**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is seeking public comments to assist in the preparation of its annual report to Congress on Russia's implementation of its obligations as a Member of the World Trade Organization (WTO). This notice includes the schedule for the submission of comments for the Russia report and a public hearing.

DATES: *October 1, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.*

EDT: Deadline for submission of written comments, requests to testify, and written testimony.

October 14, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. EDT: USTR will convene a public hearing to receive oral testimony at USTR's offices located at 1724 F Street NW, Rooms 1 & 2, Washington, DC. Please be sure to bring required identification if you wish to attend or participate in the hearing.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly prefers electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (Regulations.gov). Follow the instructions for submitting written comments, requests to testify, and written testimony in sections III and IV below, using Docket Number USTR–2026–0497. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact Silvia Savich, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia, in advance of the relevant deadline at Silvia.Savich@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395–2256.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Silvia Savich, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia, at Silvia.Savich@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395–2256.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Russia became a Member of the WTO on August 22, 2012. On December 21, 2012, following termination of the application of the Jackson-Vanik amendment to Russia and the extension of permanent normal trade relations to the products of Russia, the United States and Russia filed letters with the WTO withdrawing their notices of non-application and consenting to have the

WTO Agreement apply between them. In accordance with Section 201(a) of the Russia and Moldova Jackson-Vanik Repeal and Sergei Magnitsky Rule of Law Accountability Act of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–208), USTR is required to submit annually a report to Congress on the extent to which Russia is implementing the WTO Agreement, including the Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures and the Agreement on Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights. The report also must assess Russia's progress on acceding to and implementing the Information Technology Agreement (ITA) and the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA). In addition, to the extent that USTR finds that Russia is not implementing fully any WTO agreement or is not making adequate progress in acceding to the ITA or the GPA, USTR must describe in the report the actions it plans to take to encourage Russia to improve its implementation and/or increase its accession efforts. In accordance with Section 201(a), and to assist it in preparing this year's report, USTR is soliciting public comments. You can find last year's report on USTR's website at: <https://ustr.gov/sites/default/files/files/Countries%20and%20Regions/Russia/Russia%20WTO%20Implementation%20Report%202025%20final.pdf>.

The terms of Russia's accession to the WTO are contained in the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization and the Protocol on the Accession of the Russian Federation to the WTO (including its annexes) (Protocol). The Report of the Working Party on the Accession of the Russian Federation (Working Party Report) provides detail and context to the commitments listed in the Protocol. You can find the Protocol and Working Party Report on USTR's website at <https://ustr.gov/node/5887> or on the WTO website at <https://docsonline.wto.org> (document symbols: WT/ACC/RUS/70, WT/MIN(11)/2, WT/MIN(11)/24, WT/L/839, WT/ACC/RUS/70/Add.1, WT/MIN(11)/2/Add.1, WT/ACC/RUS/70/Add.2, and WT/MIN(11)/2/Add.1.).

II. Hearing Participation

USTR will convene a public hearing to receive oral testimony related to Russia's implementation of its WTO commitments on October 14, 2026.

To ensure participation, you must submit requests to present oral testimony at the hearing and written testimony by 11:59 p.m. EDT on October 1, 2026, via [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), using Docket Number USTR–2026–0497.

Instructions for submission are in Sections III and IV below. Remarks at the hearing will be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the Trade Policy Staff Committee (TPSC). Because it is a public hearing, testimony should not include any business confidential information (BCI).

Small businesses (generally defined by the Small Business Administration as firms with fewer than 500 employees) or organizations representing small business members that submit comments should self-identify as such, so that we may be aware of issues of particular interest to small businesses.

Written comments and/or oral testimony should address Russia's implementation of the commitments made in connection with its accession to the WTO, including, but not limited to, commitments in the following areas:

- a. Trading rights.
- b. Import regulation (*e.g.*, tariffs, tariff-rate quotas, quotas, import licenses, trade facilitation).
- c. Export regulation.
- d. Standards and technical regulations.
- e. Sanitary and phytosanitary measures.
- f. Trade-related investment measures (including local content requirements).
- g. Taxes and charges levied on imports and exports.
- h. Other internal policies affecting trade (including national treatment, Most-Favored-Nation treatment, subsidy commitments, and state-owned, controlled, and trading enterprises).
- i. Intellectual property rights (including intellectual property rights enforcement).
- j. Services.
- k. Government procurement.
- l. Rule of law issues (*e.g.*, transparency, judicial review, uniform administration of laws and regulations) and the status of legal reform.
- m. Other WTO commitments.

III. Procedures for Written Submissions

To be assured of consideration, submit your written comments, requests to testify, and written testimony by the October 1, 2026, 11:59 p.m. EDT deadline. All submissions must be in English. USTR strongly encourages submissions via *Regulations.gov*, using Docket Number USTR–2026–0497.

To make a submission via *Regulations.gov*, enter Docket Number USTR–2026–0497 in the “search for” field on the home page and click “search.” The site will provide a search results page listing all documents associated with this docket. Find a reference to this notice by selecting

“notice” under “document type” in the “refine documents results” section on the left side of the screen and click on the link entitled “comment.”

Regulations.gov allows users to make submissions by filling in a “type comment” field, or by attaching a document using the “upload file” field. USTR prefers that you provide submissions in an attached document and, in such cases, that you write “see attached” in the “type comment” field on the online submission form. USTR prefers submissions in Microsoft Word (.doc) or Adobe Acrobat (.pdf) format. If you use an application other than those two, please indicate the name of the application in the “type comment” field.

At the beginning of your submission or on the first page (if an attachment), include the following text: (1) 2026 Russia WTO Implementation Report; (2) your organization's name; and (3) whether the submission is a written comment, request to testify, or written testimony. Submissions should not exceed 30 single-spaced, standard letter-size pages in 12-point type, including attachments. Please do not attach separate cover letters, exhibits, annexes, or other attachments to electronic submissions. Rather, include any such items in the same file as the submission itself, not as separate files. You will receive a tracking number upon completion of the submission procedure at *Regulations.gov*. The tracking number is confirmation that *Regulations.gov* received your submission. Keep the confirmation for your records. USTR is not able to provide technical assistance for *Regulations.gov*.

For further information on using *Regulations.gov*, please consult the resources provided on the website by clicking on “How to Use *Regulations.gov*” on the bottom of the home page. USTR may not consider submissions that you do not make in accordance with these instructions.

If you are unable to provide submissions as requested, please contact Silvia Savich, Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Russia and Eurasia, in advance of the deadline at Silvia.Savich@ustr.eop.gov or (202) 395–2256, to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. USTR will not accept hand-delivered submissions. USTR may not consider submissions that you do not make in accordance with these instructions.

General information concerning USTR is available at www.ustr.gov.

IV. Business Confidential Information (BCI) Submissions

If you ask USTR to treat information you submit as BCI, you must certify that the information is business confidential and you would not customarily release it to the public. For any comments submitted electronically containing BCI, the file name of the business confidential version should begin with the characters “BCI.” You must clearly mark any page containing BCI with “BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL” at the top of that page. Filers of submissions containing BCI also must submit a public version of their submission that will be placed in the docket for public inspection. The file name of the public version should begin with the character “P.” Follow the “BCI” and “P” with the name of the individual or organization submitting the comments.

V. Public Viewing of Review Submissions

USTR will post written submissions in the docket for public inspection, except properly designated BCI. You can view submissions at *Regulations.gov* by entering Docket Number USTR–2026–0497 in the search field on the home page.

Mark DiPlacido,

*Chair of the Trade Policy Staff Committee,
Office of the United States Trade Representative.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Docket No.: FAA–2026–5677; Summary Notice No. 2026–20]

Petition for Exemption; Summary of Petition Received; Texas Woman's University

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice contains a summary of a petition seeking relief from specified requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations. The purpose of this notice is to improve the public's awareness of, and participation in, the FAA's exemption process. Neither publication of this notice nor the inclusion nor omission of information in the summary is intended to affect the legal status of the petition or its final disposition.