

**Free Trade Agreement Implementation**

A Project for the Republic of Korea

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

* Review the economic forces that shape U.S. trade policy and the policy making process;
* Discuss the development and implementation of the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA); and
* Explore the impact of KORUS FTA on economic development and investment patterns, including issues of market access, verification and examination of imported and exported items, and other trade-related issues.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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*Professional Background:* Mr. Jo is the Assistant Director in charge of origin verification for products being imported into Korea under the U.S.-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA). In this role at the Korea Customs Service, Mr. Jo is responsible for coordinating all of the country-of-origin verification cases that are being reviewed by the field Customs offices. The result of the origin verification review determines whether a product can be imported under the preferential duty provided under KORUS FTA.

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*Professional Background:* Mr. Kim is the Assistant Director in charge of origin verification for products being imported into Korea under KORUS FTA at Busan Customs. Over 90 percent of containers coming into Korea are imported through Busan, meaning that the bulk of agricultural products coming into Korea under KORUS FTA are subject to clearance by Busan Customs. Mr. Kim is the responsible for initiating and reviewing the country-of-origin verification cases coming through Busan port, which is the largest port in Korea.

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*Professional Background:* Mr. Kim is the Assistant Director in charge of origin verification for products imported into Korea under the KORUS FTA at Seoul Main Customs. Seoul Main Customs office is responsible for reviewing the products that are reported for customs clearance in the Seoul area, after being shipped bonded from seaports. Mr. Kim is the person that will initiate and review the country-of-origin verification cases reported to Seoul Main Customs. The result of the origin verification review will determine whether a product can be imported under the preferential duty provided under KORUS FTA.

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*Professional Background:* Ms. Yoon is the Deputy Director in charge of FTA negotiations, as well as responsible for the implementation of FTAs that Korea has put into effect, including the KORUS FTA. She is the key person responsible for country-of-origin verification for products imported under the preferential duty provided under KORUS FTA.