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- On April 4, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) [published](#) a notice of additional public hearings and an extension of the post-hearing comment period on their request for feedback to inform objectives and strategies that advance U.S. supply chain resilience in trade negotiations, enforcement, and other trade-related initiatives (*BCI Monitor 3-12-24*).
- The additional hearings will be held on May 14, 23, and 28, as detailed in the Federal Register notice.
- The extended post-hearing comment period submission due date for any of the four public hearings is June 4, 2024.

EU Notifies WTO of Draft Commission Regulation on Plastic and Food Contact Materials

- On April 8, the EU [notified the WTO](#) of a draft Commission Regulation amending both [Regulation \(EU\) No 10/2011](#) on plastic food contact materials (FCM), and [Regulation \(EC\) No 2023/2006](#) on proper manufacturing practices for FCM (*BCI Monitor 3-26-24*).
- This amendment is intended to increase quality control by ensuring alignment with [Regulation \(EU\) 2022/1616](#) on recycled plastics and [Regulation \(EU\) No 528/2012](#) on biocidal products, by introducing purity requirements for substances obtained from waste and natural materials, and by adapting migration testing multi-layer materials and repeat testing. The amendment also adds quality control rules to [Regulation \(EC\) No 2023/2006](#).
- The amendment is proposed to be adopted in mid-September 2024, and enter into force 20 days from publication in the Official Journal of the EU.
- Comments can be sent to the U.S. TBT Inquiry Point at usatbtep@nist.gov. The WTO comment deadline is June 7, 2024.

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