



**GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND  
DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN  
PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER FROM KOREA AND TAIWAN  
Investigation Nos. 731-TA-825-826 (Review)**

*Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to these reviews, you may contact the following members of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background.***---On May 25, 2000, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of certain polyester staple fiber from Korea and Taiwan (65 F.R. 33807). On March 31, 2005, the Commission instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (70 F.R. 16522). If the Commission makes an affirmative determination, the orders will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders.

Additional questionnaires will be supplied promptly upon request, or photocopies of the enclosed questionnaire(s) may be used. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding these reviews via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

***Due date of questionnaire(s).***--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than November 9, 2005. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by November 9, 2005. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Dana Lofgren, Investigator. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of these reviews.**

***Service of questionnaire response(s).***--In the event that your firm is a party to these reviews, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued

### GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

***Confidentiality.***--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, nonnumerical characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

***Verification.***--**The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).**

***Release of information.***--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with these reviews, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with these reviews or other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

### INSTRUCTIONS

***Answer all questions.***--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with these reviews (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued**

### **INSTRUCTIONS--Continued**

***Consolidate all establishments by country.***--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in Korea and/or Taiwan. **Firms operating more than one establishment in a country should combine same-country establishment data in a single report.**

### **DEFINITIONS**

***Certain polyester staple fiber.***--For purposes of these reviews, certain polyester staple fiber is defined as synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed, or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more. This merchandise is cut to lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The merchandise subject to these orders may be coated, usually with a silicon or other finish, or not coated. Polyester staple fiber is generally used as stuffing in sleeping bags, mattresses, ski jackets, comforters, cushions, pillows, and furniture. The merchandise is covered by statistical reporting numbers 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

The following are specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations: a) merchandise of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier) currently covered by statistical reporting number 5503.20.0025 of the HTS, b) polyester staple fibers of 10 to 18 denier that are cut to lengths of 6 to 8 inches (fibers used in the manufacture of carpeting), and c) low-melt polyester staple fiber. Low-melt polyester staple fiber is defined as a bi-component fiber with an outer sheath that melts at a significantly lower temperature than its inner core (70 FR 45368).

***Firm.***--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

***Related firm.***--A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

***Establishment.***--Each facility of a firm in Korea and/or Taiwan involved in the production of certain polyester staple fiber (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS--Continued**

### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

**United States.**--For purposes of these reviews, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

**Importer.**--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing certain polyester staple fiber (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

**Average production capacity.**--The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

**Production.**--All production in your establishment(s) in Korea and/or Taiwan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

**Shipments.**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Korea and/or Taiwan.

**Shipment quantities.**--Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**Shipment values.**--Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment in Korea and/or Taiwan.

**Home market commercial shipments.**--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Korea and/or Taiwan.

**Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms.**--Shipments made to related firms in Korea and/or Taiwan, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**Export shipments.**--Shipments to destinations outside Korea and/or Taiwan, including shipments to related firms.

**Inventories.**--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.