



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

**Diamond Sawblades and Parts Thereof from China and Korea  
Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1092-1093 (Final)**

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

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## GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS

### GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background.***--These investigations were instituted in response to a petition filed on May 3, 2005, by Diamond Sawblade Manufacturers' Coalition and its individual members: Blackhawk Diamond, Inc., Fullerton, CA; Diamond B, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA; Diamond Products, Elyria, OH; Dixie Diamond, Lilburn, GA; Hoffman Diamond, Punxsutawney, PA; Hyde Manufacturing, Southbridge, MA; Sanders Saws, Honey Brook, PA; Terra Diamond, Salt Lake City, UT; and Western Saw, Inc., Oxnard, CA. Antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these investigations if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat of material injury, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of dumping.

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 investigations 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 March 13, 2006. 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 March 13, 2006. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Michael Szustakowski. **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 the investigations.**

***Service of questionnaire response(s).***--In the event that your firm is a party to these investigations, 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).

***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.

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**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 the investigations, 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 investigations or other import-injury investigations 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 investigations (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

**Consolidate all establishments in China or Korea (as applicable).**--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in China or Korea (as applicable). **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

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

### **DEFINITIONS**

***Diamond sawblades and parts thereof.***—All finished circular sawblades, whether slotted or not, with a working part that is comprised of a diamond segment or segments, and parts thereof, regardless of specification or size, except as specifically excluded.<sup>1</sup> Within the scope are semifinished diamond sawblades, including diamond sawblade cores (see below) and diamond sawblade segments (see below). Diamond sawblades (and parts thereof) are provided for under subheading 8202.39.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).<sup>2</sup>

- ***Diamond sawblade cores.***—Inner cores of circular sawblades. Diamond sawblade cores are circular steel plates, whether or not attached to non-steel plates, with slots, manufactured principally, but not exclusively, from alloy steel, and are typically reamed for mounting in finished diamond sawblades.
- ***Diamond sawblade segments.***—Outer rings (or working parts) of circular sawblades. A diamond sawblade segment consists of a mixture of diamonds (whether natural or synthetic, and regardless of the quantity of diamonds) and metal powders (including, but not limited to, iron, cobalt, nickel, tungsten carbide) that are formed together into a solid shape (from generally, but not limited to, a heating and pressing process). Diamond segments are designed to be joined to the diamond sawblade core and serve as the actual cutting/grinding surface.
- ***Diamond sawblade parts.***—Diamond sawblade cores and segments (as described above).
- ***Finished diamond sawblades.***—Circular sawblades (including slitting or slotting saws) in which the diamond segments have been joined to the diamond sawblade cores (as defined above).

***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.

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<sup>1</sup> Commerce excluded these products from its scope: sawblades with diamonds directly attached to the core with a resin or electroplated bond, which thereby do not contain a diamond segment; diamond sawblades and/or sawblade cores with a thickness of less than 0.025 inches, or with a thickness greater than 1.1 inches; circular steel plates that have a cutting edge of non-diamond material, such as external teeth that protrude from the outer diameter of the plate, whether or not finished; diamond sawblade cores with a Rockwell C hardness of less than 25; and diamond sawblades and/or diamond segment(s) with diamonds that predominantly have a mesh size number greater than 240 (such as 250 or 260).

<sup>2</sup> When packaged together and put up as a set for retail sale with an item that is separately classified under headings 8202 and 8205 of the HTSUS, diamond circular sawblades or parts thereof may be imported under heading 8206 of the HTSUS.

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### **DEFINITIONS--Continued**

**Establishment.**--Each facility of a firm in China and Korea involved in the production of diamond sawblades and parts (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

**United States.**--For purposes of these investigations, 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 diamond sawblades and parts (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 China and Korea, including production consumed internally within your firm.

**Shipments.**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China and Korea. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

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

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

**Export shipments.**--Shipments to destinations outside China and Korea, including shipments to related firms.

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