

FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
POLYVINYL ALCOHOL FROM CHINA, JAPAN, AND KOREA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than November 20, 2008

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the antidumping duty orders concerning polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA") from China, Japan, and Korea (inv. Nos. 731-TA-1014, 1016, and 1017 (Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>World Wide Web address _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced or exported PVA (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2003?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by the date indicated above). Please provide a separate response for each subject country (China, Japan, and Korea) in which you produce PVA.</p>
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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout these reviews in any other import-injury investigations or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these reviews may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these reviews or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

_____ <i>Name of Authorized Official</i>	_____ <i>Title of Authorized Official</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Signature</i>	_____ <i>Phone: ()</i>	_____ <i>E-mail address</i>
	_____ <i>Fax ()</i>	

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

_____hours _____dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

I-3. Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's PVA in 2007.

No.	Importer's name	Contact person	E-mail address	Area code and telephone number	Share of your 2007 exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-4. In Parts II and III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company's business plan. Does your company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal documents that describe, discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for PVA?

- No Yes--Please provide the requested documents. If you are not providing the requested documents, please explain why not.

I-5. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce PVA in the United States or other countries?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire (contact Angela Wissler at angela.wissler@usitc.gov or 202-708-5409 for copies of that questionnaire).

I-6. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import PVA into the United States?

- No Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Angela Wissler at angela.wissler@usitc.gov or 202-708-5409 for copies of that questionnaire).

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Angela Wissler (202-708-5409, angela.wissler@usitc.gov). Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.

II-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company contact: _____
Name and title

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Phone number E-mail address

II-2. Has your firm experienced any change in the character of its operations or organization relating to the production of PVA since January 1, 2003?

- Plant openings
- Relocations
- Expansions
- Acquisitions
- Consolidations
- Closures
- Prolonged shutdowns¹
- Revised labor agreements²
- Other (please identify) _____

¹ Reasons include strikes or equipment failure; curtailment of production because of shortages of materials; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization.

² Changes in wages, benefits, work rules, or other changes in labor agreements.

Please supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of any such changes, and provide underlying assumptions, together with relevant portions of business plans, public corporate filings, or other internal documentation that address this issue.

II-3. Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the importation of PVA in the future?

- No
- Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue. **Include in your response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce PVA (in 1,000 pounds) for 2008 (full year), 2009, and 2010.**

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-4. Would your firm anticipate any changes in the character of your operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of PVA in the future if the antidumping duty orders on PVA from China, Japan, and Korea were to be revoked?

- No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

II-5. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of PVA in China, Japan, and Korea in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed. Provide relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

II-6. Describe the production technology used in the production of PVA in China, Japan, and Korea and identify major production inputs. Also discuss any significant changes in production technology since 2003.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-7. Has your firm since 2003 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of PVA and/or using the same production and related workers employed to produce PVA?

- No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and PVA in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity and employment data (indicate if different)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Item	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Avg. Production Capacity	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Production of PVA (subject)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Production of PVA (excluded)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Production of _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Production of _____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

II-8. Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-9. Is your firm able to switch production between PVA and other products in response to a relative change in the price of PVA vis-a-vis the price of other products, using the same equipment and labor?

- No Yes---Please identify the other products, the approximate time and cost involved in switching, and the minimum relative price change required for your firm to switch production to or from PVA.

II-10. Please identify all production outages and curtailments affecting your PVA operations since January 1, 2003. Include details regarding the beginning and ending dates of each outage or curtailment and the amount of production affected.

Begin Date	End Date	Production Outage	Curtailment	Amount of Production Lost

II-11. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of PVA?

PVA (subject) _____ Percent

PVA (excluded forms) _____ Percent

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-12. Has your firm, since 2003, maintained any inventories of PVA in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

- No Yes--Report the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Inventories	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

II-13. (a) Are your firm's exports of PVA subject to tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade (for example, antidumping or countervailing duty findings or remedies, tariffs, quotas, or regulatory barriers) in any countries other than the United States?

- No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), the year each such barrier was imposed, and the type of barrier.

Product	Country	Year imposed	Barrier (if tariff, give rate)
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

(b) Are your firm's exports of PVA subject to current investigations in any countries other than the United States that might result in tariff or non-tariff barriers to trade?

- No Yes--List the products(s), country(ies), and type of investigation.

Product	Country	Type of investigation
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-14. Identify export markets (other than the United States) that you have developed or where you have increased your sales of PVA since September 2003. Please identify and discuss below any reasons for developing these markets.

II-15. Describe the significance of the existing antidumping duty orders covering imports of PVA from China, Japan, and Korea in terms of its effect on your firm's production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, and inventories. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before and after the imposition of the orders.

II-16. Would your firm anticipate any changes in its production capacity, production, home market shipments, exports to the United States and other markets, or inventories relating to the production of PVA in the future if the antidumping duty orders on PVA from China, Japan, and Korea were to be revoked?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation for any trends or projections you may provide.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-17a. Report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of PVA produced by your firm in China, Japan, or Korea during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and value in (\$1,000)					
Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Average production capacity ¹ (quantity)					
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Production ² (quantity)					
Home market shipments:					
Internal consumption/transfers:					
Quantity					
Commercial shipments:					
Quantity					
Value					
Exports to the United States:³					
Quantity					
Value					
Exports to the European Union:⁴					
Quantity					
Value					
Exports to Asia:⁵					
Quantity					
Value					
Exports to other markets:⁶					
Quantity					
Value					
Total exports					
Total shipments					
End-of-period inventories⁷ (quantity)					
<p>¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating _____ hours per week, _____ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity.</p> <hr/> <p>² Please estimate the percentage of total production of PVA in China, Japan, or Korea accounted for by your firm's production in 2007: _____ Percent</p> <p>³ Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of PVA in China, Japan, or Korea accounted for by your firm's exports in 2007: _____ Percent</p> <p>⁴ Identify your principal <i>European Union</i> export markets: _____</p> <p>⁵ Identify your principal <i>Asian</i> export markets: _____</p> <p>⁶ Identify your principal <i>other</i> export markets: _____</p> <p>⁷ Reconciliation of data.--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?</p> <p align="right"><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____.</p>					

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-17b. Report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of PVA produced by your firm in China, Japan, or Korea during the specified interim periods.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds), value (in \$1,000)		
Item	January-September 2007	January-September 2008
Average production capacity (<i>quantity</i>)		
Beginning-of-period inventories (<i>quantity</i>)		
Production (<i>quantity</i>)		
Home market shipments:		
Internal consumption/transfers:		
<i>Quantity</i>		
Commercial shipments:		
<i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Exports to the United States:		
<i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Exports to the European Union:		
<i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Exports to Asia:		
<i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Exports to other markets:		
<i>Quantity</i>		
<i>Value</i>		
Total exports		
Total shipments		
End-of-period inventories (<i>quantity</i>)		
<p><u>Note.</u>—For January – September 2007 and 2008, the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____</p>		

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-17c. Please identify the end use application(s) for the PVA produced by your firm in 2007 and interim 2008. (If more than one application is listed, please estimate the quantity produced (in 1,000 pounds) for each end use.) **Total reported production as shown below should equal total production reported by your firm in II-17a and II-17b.**

End use application	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) in 2007	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) in January – September 2008
PVB		
Textiles		
Paper		
Adhesives		
Emulsion polymerization		
Building materials		
Pharmaceuticals		
Other _____		
Other _____		
Unknown		
TOTAL		

II-17d. Please identify the range of hydrolysis levels for the PVA produced by your firm in 2007 and interim 2008. Please estimate the quantity produced (in 1,000 pounds) for each hydrolysis level. **Total reported production as shown below should equal total production reported by your firm in II-17a and II-17b.**

Hydrolysis level	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) in 2007	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) in January – September 2008
Greater than or equal to 97 percent		
Greater than 85 percent but less than 97 percent		
Greater than 80 percent but less than or equal to 85 percent		
TOTAL		

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-18a. Does your company produce and export to the United States any of the fifteen forms of PVA specifically excluded from the scope of these reviews. (See definitions in the instruction booklet). If so, please report your firm's exports to the United States of **EXCLUDED** forms of PVA (as defined in the instruction booklet) by country during the specified periods.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds), value (in \$1,000)					
Item	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Exports from China:					
Quantity of exports					
Value of exports					
Exports from Japan:					
Quantity of exports					
Value of exports					
Exports from Korea:					
Quantity of exports					
Value of exports					

II-18b. Does your company produce and export to the United States any of the fifteen forms of PVA specifically excluded from the scope of these reviews. (See definitions in the instruction booklet). If so, please report your firm's exports to the United States of **EXCLUDED** forms of PVA (as defined in the instruction booklet) by country during the specified periods.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds), value (in \$1,000)		
Item	January-September 2007	January-September 2008
Exports from China:		
Quantity of exports		
Value of exports		
Exports from Japan:		
Quantity of exports		
Value of exports		
Exports from Korea:		
Quantity of exports		
Value of exports		

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Catherine DeFilippo (202-205-3253, catherine.defilippo@usitc.gov) or William Greene (202-205-3405, william.greene@usitc.gov).

III-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested market factors information?

Company contact: _____
Name and title

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Phone number E-mail address

III-2. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of PVA to U.S. customers in 2007 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

<u>Type of sale</u>	<u>Share of sales (percent)</u>
Long-term contracts	_____
Short-term contracts	_____
Spot sales	_____

III-3. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

III-4. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-5. What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of PVA?

<u>Source</u>	<u>Share of sales</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>January – September 2008</u>	
		<u>Lead time</u>	<u>Share of sales</u>	<u>Lead time</u>
From inventory	_____	_____	_____	_____
Produced to order	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total	100 %		100 %	

III-6. To what extent have changes in the prices of raw materials affected your firm's selling prices for PVA since 2003? Also discuss any anticipated changes in your raw material costs in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-7. Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of China, Japan, and Korea-produced PVA in the U.S. market since 2003?

No Yes--Please note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.

III-8. Since January 1, 2003, have you placed customers on allocation, declined to accept any new customer, or declined to accept quantities requested in orders in whole or in part?

No Yes--Please identify all instances, including the customer, the date, and the nature of the inability to supply.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-9. Since January 1, 2003, have you been unable to meet contractual commitments, or timely shipping commitments, for any customer?

- No Yes--Please identify all such customers and describe the circumstances.

III-10. (a) Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the availability of China, Japan, and Korea-produced PVA in the U.S. market in the future?

- Increase No change Decrease

(b) If you anticipate changes in supply, please identify the changes, including the time period and the impact of such changes on shipment volumes and prices. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-11. Describe how easily your firm can shift its sales of PVA between the U.S. market and alternative country markets. In your discussion, please describe any contracts, other sales arrangements, or other constraints (including any third-country trade barriers such as tariffs, quotas, or other non-tariff barriers) that would prevent or retard your firm from shifting PVA between the U.S. and alternative country markets within a 12-month period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-12. Is the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of PVA in your home market significantly different from the product range, product mix, or marketing of PVA for export to the United States or to third-country markets? Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of PVA in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets since 2003?

- No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-13. Please discuss any anticipated changes in terms of the product range, product mix, or marketing (including sales over the internet) of PVA in your home market, for export to the United States, or for export to third-country markets in the future, identifying the time period(s) involved and the factor(s) that you believe would be responsible for such changes. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-14. (a) Can other products be substituted for PVA?

No Yes--Please list these substitute products in order of importance.

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

(b) For each possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses for which they are substitutes.

(c) Have changes in the prices of these products affected the price for PVA?

No Yes--To what degree do changes in their prices affect the price for PVA? Does this effect have a time lag? If so, how long is the time lag for each substitute product? Does this vary by type of PVA or final end use?

III-15. Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for PVA since 2003?

No Yes—Please explain.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-16. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for PVA in the future?

- No Yes—Please describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-17. Is the PVA produced by your firm and sold in its home market interchangeable (i.e., can be used in the same applications) with your firm's PVA sold to the United States and/or to third-country markets?

- Yes No—Identify the market(s) and any differences in the products.

III-18. Describe the end uses of the PVA that you manufacture and sell to your home market. If these end uses differ from those of the PVA you sell to the U.S. market or to third-country markets, explain.

III-19. Have there been any changes in the end uses in your home market, in the United States, or in other export markets of PVA since 2003?

- No Yes—Please describe.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-20. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the end uses in your home market, in the United States, or in other export markets of PVA in the future?

- No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-21. (a) How has demand within your home market for PVA changed since 2003?

- Increased Decreased Fluctuated No change

What principal factors affect changes in demand?

(b) How has demand within the United States for PVA changed since 2003?

- Increased Decreased Fluctuated No change

What principal factors affect changes in demand?

(c) If known, how has demand within the rest of the world for PVA changed since 2003?

- Increased Decreased Fluctuated No change

What principal factors affect changes in demand?

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-22. (a) Do you anticipate any future changes in PVA demand in your home market?

- No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

(b) Do you anticipate any future changes in PVA demand in the United States?

- No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

(c) If known, do you anticipate any future changes in PVA demand in the rest of the world?

- No Yes--Please describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

III-23. Please compare market prices of PVA in your home market, the United States, and third-country markets, if known. Provide specific information as to time periods and regions for any price comparisons.

PART III.--MARKET FACTORS--Continued

III-24. Describe briefly your home market for PVA, including the number of, and competition between, producers.

III-25. Do you face competition from imports of PVA in your home market?

No Yes--Please identify the country sources of any imports of PVA into your home market.

III-26. Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss PVA supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including China, Japan, and Korea, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2003 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-27. Does your firm sell PVA over the internet?

No Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of PVA in 2007 accounted for by internet sales.
