

**FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

**POLYVINYL ALCOHOL FROM TAIWAN**

**This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than October 27, 2010**

*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 antidumping investigation concerning polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA") from Taiwan (Inv. No. 731-TA-1088 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

**Name of firm** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**World Wide Web address** \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced or exported any form of PVA at any time since January 1, 2007 (i.e., scope PVA, PVB-grade PVA, PVA in fiber form, or low-hydrolysis PVA as defined in the instruction booklet and on page two of this questionnaire)?

**NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

**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)

**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 this proceeding in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.*

*I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this proceeding 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 this proceeding 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.*

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*Name of Authorized Official*

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*Title of Authorized Official*

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*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

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*Phone: ( )*

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*Fax ( )*

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*E-mail address*

**For purposes of this questionnaire, the term “PVA” refers to all polyvinyl alcohol including polyvinyl alcohol that is in the scope of this investigation (defined below as “SCOPE PVA”) and out-of-scope polyvinyl alcohol described below.**

**Except as otherwise stated, the information being sought throughout this questionnaire concerns polyvinyl alcohol in the scope of this investigation, defined below as “SCOPE PVA”.**

**SCOPE PVA:** For purposes of this investigation, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as all polyvinyl alcohol hydrolyzed in excess of 80 percent, whether or not mixed or diluted with commercial levels of defoamer or boric acid. PVB-grade low-ash polyvinyl alcohol (defined below as PVB-GRADE PVA) and PVA in fiber form are not included in the scope of this investigation. The merchandise under investigation is currently classifiable under subheading 3905.30.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

**OUT-OF-SCOPE PVA:**

**The Commission is seeking additional but more limited information regarding three forms of polyvinyl alcohol that are excluded from the scope of these investigations: PVB-grade low-ash polyvinyl alcohol (defined below as PVB-GRADE PVA); polyvinyl alcohol in fiber form (“PVA IN FIBER FORM”) and polyvinyl alcohol hydrolyzed at 80 percent or below (“LOW-HYDROLYSIS PVA”). Questions seeking information on PVB-GRADE PVA, PVA IN FIBER FORM and LOW-HYDROLYSIS PVA will be clearly identified in the title or the text of the question.**

**PVB-GRADE PVA:** For purposes of this questionnaire, this term applies to PVB-grade low-ash PVA that meets the following specifications: Hydrolysis, Mole % of  $98.40 \pm 0.40$ , 4% Solution Viscosity  $30.00 \pm 2.50$  centipois, and ash—ISE, wt% less than 0.60, 4% solution color 20mm cell, 10.0 maximum APHA units, haze index, 20 mm cell, 5.0, maximum.

**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 20 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. **OMB statistics**.--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. **OMB feedback**.--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. **Establishments covered**.--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.

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I-3. **U.S. importers**.--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 scope PVA in 2009.

No.	Importer's name	Contact person	E-mail address	Area code and telephone number	Share of your 2009 exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

**PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued**

I-4. **Related U.S. producers.**--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 Newell (angela.newell@usitc.gov)** for copies of that questionnaire).

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I-5. **Related U.S. importers.**--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 Newell (angela.newell@usitc.gov)** for copies of that questionnaire).

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

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Angela Newell (202-708-5409, [angela.newell@usitc.gov](mailto:angela.newell@usitc.gov)). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. **Contact information (Trade).**--Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name and title  
  
( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number                      E-mail address

II-2. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of PVA since January 1, 2007?

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>	<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> plant openings .....	_____
	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> plant closings.....	_____
	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> relocations .....	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> expansions .....	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> acquisitions.....	_____
	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> consolidations.....	_____
	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments .....	_____
	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> revised labor agreements .....	_____
	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> other ( <i>e.g.</i> , technology) .....	_____
	_____

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

II-3. **Anticipated changes in operations.**--Does 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?

- 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 average capacity to produce; exports (to the United States and all other export markets); internal consumption/transfers; home market sales; and beginning and end-of-period inventories (in 1,000 pounds) for scope PVA and PVB-grade PVA for 2010 and 2011.**

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II-4. **Anticipated changes in operations in the event of an antidumping duty order.**--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 an antidumping duty order on scope PVA from Taiwan were to be imposed on imports into the United States?

- 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.

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II-5. **Production lines.**— How many production lines does your firm currently operate in its production of PVA in Taiwan? If your firm has more than one line producing PVA, list the specific products produced on each line and the volume (in 1,000 pounds) of each product produced on each line in 2009.

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

II-6. **Same equipment, machinery, and workers (Taiwan).**--Has your firm since 2007 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of scope PVA in Taiwan?

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

Basis for allocation of capacity data (e.g., sales): \_\_\_\_\_

Products produced on same equipment and share of total production in 2009 (in percent):

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Scope PVA _____	_____	_____
PVB-grade PVA _____	_____	_____
PVA in fiber form _____	_____	_____
Low-hydrolysis PVA _____	_____	_____
Other (specify) _____	_____	_____

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	2007	2008	2009	January-June	
				2009	2010
<b>Overall PVA Production Capacity</b>					
<b>Production of:</b>					
Scope PVA					
PVB-grade PVA					
PVA in fiber form					
Low-hydrolysis PVA					
Other (specify) _____					

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

II-7. **Same equipment, machinery, and workers (China).**--Has your firm since 2007 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of scope PVA in China?

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

Basis for allocation of capacity data (e.g., sales): \_\_\_\_\_

Products produced on same equipment and share of total production in 2009 (in percent):

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Scope PVA	_____	_____
PVB-grade PVA	_____	_____
PVA in fiber form	_____	_____
Low-hydrolysis PVA	_____	_____
Other (specify)	_____	_____

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	2007	2008	2009	January-June	
				2009	2010
<b>Overall Production Capacity</b>					
<b>Production of:</b>					
Scope PVA					
PVB-grade PVA					
PVA in fiber form					
Low-hydrolysis PVA					
Other (specify) _____					

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

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

II-9. **Production shifting.**— For your operations in Taiwan, is your firm able to switch production between scope 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 scope PVA.

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II-10. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of PVA?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

II-11. **Share of production.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of PVA in Taiwan accounted for by your firm's production in 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

II-12. **Share of exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of PVA from Taiwan accounted for by your firm's exports in 2009.

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

II-13. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2007, 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.

<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds)</i>					
Item	2007	2008	2009	January-June	
				2009	2010
Inventory (scope PVA)					
Other (specify) _____					

II-14. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the PVA exported by your firm subject to antidumping findings or remedies in any WTO-member countries?

- No                       Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies.

Product	Country	Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

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

II-15. Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of scope PVA in your establishment(s) in Taiwan during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet and on page two of this questionnaire.)

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Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections <sup>1</sup>	
				January-June		2010	2011
	2007	2008	2009	2009	2010		
Average production capacity <sup>2</sup>							
Beginning-of-period inventories <sup>3</sup>							
Production							
Shipments:							
Internal consumption/transfers							
Home market sales							
Exports to--							
United States							
All other export markets <sup>4</sup>							
Total exports							
Total shipments							
End-of-period inventories							

<sup>1</sup> Please explain the basis for your projections.  
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<sup>2</sup> 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.  
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<sup>3</sup> 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?  
 Yes       No--Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> Identify principal other export markets. \_\_\_\_\_