



INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

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

**Commodity Matchbooks from India
Investigation Nos. 701-TA-459 and 731-TA-1155 (Preliminary)**

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

Background.--These investigations were instituted in response to a petition filed on **October 29, 2008** by D.D. Bean & Sons Co. Countervailing and 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, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes affirmative determinations of subsidization and/or dumping.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to these investigations are available at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/active/index.htm. 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 **November 13, 2008**. 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 13, 2008**. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Olympia Hand. **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 India.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in India. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

Filing instructions.—Questionnaires may be filed either in paper form or electronically.

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OPTIONS FOR FILING IN PAPER FORM

- **Overnight mail service.**—Mail to the following address:

**United States International Trade Commission
Office of Investigations, Room 615
500 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024**

- **Fax.**—Fax to 202.205.3205.
- **U.S. mail.**—Mail to the address above, but use zip code 20436. *This option is not recommended. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing to screen for hazardous materials; this additional processing results in substantial delays in delivery.*

OPTIONS FOR FILING ELECTRONICALLY

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/active/index.htm. ***Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document.*** You may complete the questionnaire electronically, print it out, and submit it in paper form as described above, or you may submit it electronically through one of the following means:

- **By means of the Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS).**—Follow the step-by-step instructions on the next page.
- **Compact disc (CD).**—Copy your questionnaire onto a CD, include a signed certification page (page 1) (either in paper form or scanned PDF copied onto CD), and mail to the address above. *It is strongly recommended that you use an **overnight mail service**. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.*
- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 1 of the Instruction Booklet; include a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). Type the following in the e-mail subject line: **BPI Questionnaire, INV. NOS. 701-TA-459 AND 731-TA-1155.** *Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*

Note: If you are a party to the investigation, and service of the questionnaire is required, such service should be made in paper form.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING VIA EDIS

STEP 1: REGISTER AS A NEW USER IN EDIS (current registered users may skip this step)

- The authorized official whose name appears under the Certification at the bottom of page 1 of the questionnaire should be the person who completes the registration in EDIS
- Go to <https://eofpub.usitc.gov/edis-efile/app>
- Click on Register
- Read and accept the Terms of Use Agreement
- Complete the EDIS Online User Registration form
 - In the **Firm/Organization** field, select **Questionnaire Respondent**
- Click **Submit Registration**

STEP 2: ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE(S) IN EDIS

- Click on E-File Documents
- Under **Submitter Information**, type the name of your firm in the **Filed On Behalf Of** field
- Under **Investigation Information**, click on **Find Investigation**
 - For **Investigation Phase**, select “**Prelim**” and for **Investigation Number**, type “**701-459**”; Click on **Find Investigation**
 - Click in the circle to the left of the investigation number that appears, then click on **Select** and confirm by clicking **OK**
- Under **Document Filing Information**—
 - For **Document Type**, select **Questionnaire – Foreign Producer, Questionnaire – Importer, Questionnaire – Purchaser, or Questionnaire – U.S. Producer**, as appropriate
 - Leave **Document Title** field blank
- Under **Add Document Attachments for Electronic Submission**—
 - In the **Attach File** field, click on **Browse**, locate your MS Word questionnaire file, and double-click the file
 - The **Attachment Title** field is optional
 - Click on **Attach Files** (note that your file will be listed below under **Attachments**)
 - You must attach a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). If you wish to attach any other files, i.e., supporting documents, do so at this time (unlike the questionnaire itself, these additional documents **must** be PDFs). **Only one questionnaire may be filed at a time.**
 - When you have attached all relevant files, click on **Submit Document w/attachments**. An **EDIS Document Submission Confirmation** screen will appear. Confirm the information and click on **Accept Information**. An **EDIS Notice of Receipt of Electronic Documents** will appear, which completes the process. If you wish to electronically file another questionnaire, repeat Step 2.

DEFINITIONS

Commodity Matchbooks.-- The subject product is commodity matchbooks, also known as commodity book matches, paper matches or booklet matches. Such commodity matchbooks are also referred to as “for resale” because they always enter into retail channels, meaning businesses that sell a general variety of tangible merchandise, e.g., convenience stores, supermarkets, dollar stores, drug stores and mass merchandisers. Each commodity matchbook is a manufactured ignition device which typically consists of twenty match stems which are usually made from paperboard or similar material tipped with a match head composed of any chemical formula. The match stems are stitched, stapled or otherwise fastened into a matchbook cover of any material, on which a striking strip composed of any chemical formula has been applied to assist in the ignition process.

Commodity matchbooks often have no printing on the matchbook cover other than the identification of the manufacturer or importer (aka plain white), but sometimes the covers are printed with a generic message such as “*Thank You*”. The covers of commodity matchbooks may also be printed with store brands for national or regional chain stores such as *Kroger*, *7-Eleven*, *Shurfine* or *Giant*; with product brands for national or regional advertisers such as cigarettes or alcoholic beverages; or with corporate brands for national or regional distributors such as *Penley Corp.* or *Diamond Brands*. They all enter retail distribution channels, and are either sold or given away by retailers. Regardless of the materials used for the stems of the matches and regardless of the way the match stems are fastened to the matchbook cover, all commodity matchbooks are included.

All matchbooks, including commodity matchbooks, typically comply with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) Safety Standard for Matchbooks, codified at 16 C.F.R. §§ 1202.1 et seq.

Excluded from the definition of commodity matchbooks are promotional matchbooks (defined below). Also excluded are all other matches that are not fastened into a matchbook cover such as wooden matches, stick matches, box matches, kitchen matches, pocket matches, penny matches, household matches, strike-anywhere matches (aka “SAW” matches), strike-on-box matches (aka “SOB” matches), fireplace matches, barbeque/grill matches, fire starters, and wax matches.

Commodity matchbooks are imported under statistical reporting number 3605.00.0060 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS). Subject merchandise may also enter under statistical reporting number 3605.00.0030.

Promotional Matchbooks.-- These matchbooks are often referred to as “not for resale,” or “specialty advertising” matchbooks because they are a different product which never enters into retail channels but instead is normally sold to businesses that provide hospitality, dining, drinking or entertainment services to their customers, e.g., Sheraton Hotels, Olive Garden Restaurants, Cheers Bar, and Trump Casino and is given away by these businesses as a promotional item. Such promotional matchbooks are distinguished by the physical characteristic of having the name and/or logo of a bar, restaurant, resort, hotel, club, cafe/coffee shop, grill, pub, eatery, lounge, casino, barbecue or individual establishment printed prominently on the matchbook cover.

Promotional matchbook cover printing also typically includes the address and the phone number of the business or establishment being promoted.

Matchbook Case.—The measurement of quantity in these investigations, a case of matchbooks, consists of 2,500 matchbooks (50 trays in a case, with 50 matchbooks in each tray).

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 India involved in the production of commodity matchbooks (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 commodity matchbooks (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 India, including production consumed internally within your firm.

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Shipments.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in India. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

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

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

Export shipments.--Shipments to destinations outside India, including shipments to related firms.

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