U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

POLYETHYLENE RETAIL CARRIER BAGS FROM CHINA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, TAIWAN, THAILAND, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>December 4, 2015</u>

See last page 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 countervailing duty and antidumping duty orders concerning polyethylene retail carrier bags ("PRCBs") from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-462 and 731-TA-1156-1158 (First Review) and 731-TA-1043-1045 (Second Review)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Craig Thomsen (202-205-3226, Craig.Thomsen@usitc.gov).

City	StateZip Code
Website	
Has your firm purch since January 1, 200	ased PRCBs (as defined on the next page) <u>from any source</u> (domestic or foreign) at any time 9?
NO (Sign	the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Com	plete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
•	aire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: sitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: PRCB)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. On May 4, 2010, the Department of Commerce ("Commerce") issued a countervailing duty order on imports of PRCBs from Vietnam and antidumping duty orders on imports of PRCBs from Indonesia, Taiwan, and Vietnam. On August 9, 2004, Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of PRCBs from China, Malaysia, and Thailand. Following first five-year reviews by Commerce and the Commission, effective July 7, 2010, Commerce issued a continuation of the antidumping duty orders on imports of PRCBs from China, Malaysia, and Thailand. On April 1, 2015, 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. If both the Commission and Commerce make affirmative determinations, the orders will remain in place. If either the Commission or Commerce makes negative determinations, Commerce will revoke the orders. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at http://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2015/polyethylene retail carrier bags china indonesia/second review full.htm.

<u>Polyethylene retail carrier bags ("PRCBs")</u> covered by these investigations may be referred to as t-shirt sacks, merchandise bags, grocery bags, or checkout bags. The subject merchandise is defined as non-sealable sacks and bags with handles (including drawstrings), without zippers or integral extruded closures, with or without gussets, with or without printing, of polyethylene film having a thickness no greater than 0.035 inches (0.889 mm) and no less than 0.00035 inches (0.00889 mm), and with no length or width shorter than 6 inches (15.24 cm) or longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm). The depth of the bag may be shorter than 6 inches but not longer than 40 inches (101.6 cm).

PRCBs are typically provided without any consumer packaging and free of charge by retail establishments, e.g., grocery, drug, convenience, department, specialty retail, discount stores, and restaurants, to their customers to package and carry their purchased products. The scope of the order excludes (1) polyethylene bags that are not printed with logos or store names and that are closeable with drawstrings made of polyethylene film and (2) polyethylene bags that are packed in consumer packaging with printing that refers to specific end-uses other than packaging and carrying merchandise from retail establishments, e.g., garbage bags, lawn bags, trash-can liners.

As a result of changes to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), imports of the subject merchandise are currently classifiable under statistical category 3923.21.0085 of the HTSUS. Furthermore, although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing PRCBs from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes PRCBs.

Reporting of information.--If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire 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, general 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.

<u>Verification</u>.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all of your files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, 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 this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings 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.

No

I-1.	OMB statisticsPlease report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of
	completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

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 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-2.	<u>Establishments covered</u> Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.					
	" <u>Establishment</u> "Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>purchase</u> of PRCBs, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.					

I-3.	OwnershipIs your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

Yes--List the following information.

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Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

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I-4.	Related SUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that import PRCBs from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam into the United States or that export PRCBs from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam to the United States?						
	☐ No		YesList the	following information.			
	Firm nar	ne		Address	Affiliation/ Extent of ownership (percent)		
l-5.	domestic Taiwan, T	Related NONSUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that import PRCBs from countries other than China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam into the United States or that export PRCBs from countries other than China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam to the United States? No YesList the following information.					
	Firm nar	ne and c	country	Address	Affiliation/ Extent of ownership (percent)		
l-6.	Related producersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that produce PRCBs? No YesList the following information.						
	Firm nar	ne and c	country	Address	Affiliation/ Extent of ownership (percent)		
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I-7.				any or any related firm have a s, or analyze expected market			
	No	Yes		provide these documents. If y cuments, please explain why			

PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. Purchases.—

(a) Please estimate your firm's total U.S. purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of PRCBs in 2014. (Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire.)

	Calendar year 2014
Total Purchases (in 1,000 bags)	

(b) Estimate the percentage of the quantity of your firm's purchases of PRCBs in 2014 that were produced in each of the specified countries.

Item	Share of quantity of 2014 purchases (percent)
PRCBs produced in:	
United States	%
China	%
Indonesia	%
Malaysia	%
Taiwan	%
Thailand	%
Vietnam	%
Nonsubject China (Hang Lung Plastic Manufactory or Nantong Huasheng Plastic Products)	%
Nonsubject Malaysia (Bee Lian Plastic Industries)	%
Nonsubject Thailand (Thai Plastic Bags Industries Co., Ltd., Winners Pack Co. Ltd., and/or APEC Film Ltd.)	%
All other countries (Please identify:)	%
Total purchases (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

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II-2.	<u>Purcha</u>	Purchases before and after order.—					
	(a)	Did your firm purchase PRCBs from subject producers in China, Malaysia, or Thailand, before January 1, 2004? (Please note that all sources in Thailand were subject until July 2010.)					
		☐ Noskip to (c) ☐ Yescontinue					
	(b)	Has your pattern of purchasing PRCBs from subject producers in China, Malaysia, or Thailand changed since 2004?					
			No, o Skip t		urchasing from these sources is essentially unchanged.		
		Discontinued		Reduced	(Please select either 'discontinued' or 'reduced')		
					Yes, we discontinued or reduced purchases from subject producers in China because of the order.		
					Yes, we discontinued or reduced purchases from subject producers in Malaysia because of the order.		
					Yes, we discontinued or reduced purchases from subject producers in Thailand because of the order.		
					Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from (please enter subject country or countries) for reasons other than the order (please explain below).		
	(c)	2009?	firm pu	🗖	from Indonesia, Taiwan, or Vietnam before January 1,		

I-2.	<u>Purcha</u>	urchases before and after order.—Continued						
	(d)	If yes, has your pattern of purchasing PRCBs Indonesia, Taiwan, or Vietnam changed since 2009?						
			No, our pattern of purchasing from these sources is essentially unchanged. Skip to (e).					
		Discontinued	Reduced	(Please select either 'discontinued' or 'reduced')				
				Yes, we discontinued or reduced purchases from Indonesia because of the order.				
				Yes, we discontinued or reduced purchases from Taiwar because of the order.				
				Yes, we discontinued or reduced purchases from Vietnam because of the order.				
				Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from (please enter country or countries) for reasons other than the order (please explain below).				
	(e)	Did your firm purchase PRCBs from Thai Plastic Bags Industries Co., Ltd., Winners Pack Co. Ltd., and/or APEC Film Ltd. in Thailand, before July 2010? (Please note that all sources in Thailand were subject until July 2010.)						
		No	Yes					

<u>Purchases before and after order</u>.—Continued

II-2.

	No, o	ur pattern of pu	of purchasing from these sources is essentially unchanged.			
	Skip to (g).					
		r	T			
St	arted	Increased	(please select either 'started' or 'increased')			
			Yes, we started or increased purchasing from these three firms in Thailand because of Commerce's revocation of the order.			
			Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from for reasons other than the order (please explain below).			
other	-	a, Indonesia, M	g PRCBs from nonsubject foreign sources (i.e., countries Ialaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam) changed since			
other	than Chin ry 1, 2009	a, Indonesia, M ?				
other	than Chin ry 1, 2009 We did	a, Indonesia, M ? not purchase fr	lalaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, or Vietnam) changed since			
other	We did	a, Indonesia, M ? not purchase fr pattern of purc	rom nonsubject foreign sources before or after the order.			

II-3. Changes in purchasing patterns.--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of PRCBs from different sources have changed since January 1, 2009.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China (subject)						
China (nonsubject)						
Indonesia						
Malaysia (subject)						
Malaysia (nonsubject)						
Taiwan						
Thailand (subject)						
Thailand (nonsubject since July 2010)						
Vietnam						
All other countries						

II-4.	Purchases from one country onlyIf your firm has purchased PRCBs from only one country,							
	please explain the reasons for doing so.							

II-5. <u>Supplier identification.</u>—Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for PRCBs since January 1, 2009. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of PRCBs that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2014.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2014 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

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PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

Firm type	e		End use(s)
Food	retailer		
Othe	r retaile	r	
Distr	ibutor o	f packaging supplies	
Food	distribu	tor	
Othe	r distrib	utor	
Othe	r		
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ompetit	ion for s	a <u>ales</u> Do you compet hich you purchase PRO	e for sales to your customers with the manufa CBs?
Competit mporters	ion for s	alesDo you compet	e for sales to your customers with the manufa CBs?

If your firm is an end user of PRCBs, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>Types of PRCBs purchased</u>.—Please estimate the percentage of your firm's purchases of PRCBs in 2014 that were of the following types:

(a)

Туре	Share (percent)
High-end PRCBs	
PRCBs other than high-end	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0

(b)

Туре	Share (percent)
T-shirt bags	
Die cut handle bags	
Patch handle bags	
Drawstring style bags	
Flat-bottom bags	
Strong loop handle bags	
Other PRCBs	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0

III-5.	Su	bstit	utes.	_
III-J.	Ju	DSLIL	utes.	_

(a) (Can o	ther p	oroduc	ts be	subst	tituted	tor	PRCBs	?
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	No	YesPlease fill out th	ne table.
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		End use in which this	На		anges in the price of this substitute affected the price for PRCBs?
	Substitute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation
1.					
2.					
3.					

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III-5.	Substitutes.	—Continued
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(b) Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for PRCBs since January 1, 2009? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Chan	ges in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain				
Chang 1, 200	ges since January 19							
Antici	pated changes							
Dema	nd trends.—							
(a)	Has the passage of laws regulating the use and disposal of PRCBs affected demand for PRCBs in the United States since January 1, 2009?							
	No YesIf yes, please estimate the size of the change in demand: Increased Decreased by percent Please report the characteristics of PRCBs covered by these regulations, the location(and the relevant time frame:							
(b)	Do you expect the passage of additional laws in the United States regulating the undisposal of PRCBs in the next 1-2 years that would affect future demand for PRCBs							
	Increase [De	ecreas	ate the size of the change in demand: se bypercent istics of PRCBs covered by these regulations, the location(s),				

and the relevant time frame: _____

III-6. **Demand trends.**—Continued

(c) Please indicate how other changes in demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for PRCBs has changed since January 1, 2009, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors					
		2009								
Within the U.S.										
Outside the U.S.										
	Anticipated future demand									
Within the U.S.										
Outside the U.S.										

III-7. Market studies.--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss PRCB 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, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam, and/or (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2009 to the present and forecasts for the future.

III-8.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2014 purchases of PRCBs that required PRCBs produced in the
	United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2014 purchases of PRCBs
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

conditions of competition.	III-9.	Conditions of	of com	petition.
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(a)	Is the PRCB market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions)
	and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to PRCBs?

Check all th	nat apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-10.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for PRCBs since January 1, 2009?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-10.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if you
	know, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving PRCBs based on its producer of
	country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.					
Decision based on producer										
Your firm										
Your customers										
Decision based on country of origin										
Your firm										
Your customers										

III-11. Availability of supply.--Has the availability of PRCBs in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2009? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
Changes since January 1, 2			
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Nonsubject China, Malaysia, or Thailand			
Other nonsubject imports			
Anticipated changes:			
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Nonsubject China, Malaysia, or Thailand			
Other nonsubject imports			

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III-12.	Supply constraintsHas any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with PRCBs since January 1, 2009 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?												
	No Yes If yes, please describe.												
III-13.	-13. Purchasing frequency (a) How frequently do you make purchases of PRCBs (check one)?												
Daily Weekly Monthly Quarterly Annually Other If other, specify													
	(b)	Do you	expect	this	purchasing ⁻	frequency to	change in th	ne next tv	vo years?				
		No	Yes	lf '	yes, explain	l .							
III-14.		_	-		ctedHow and		ers do you ge	enerally c	ontact before ı	making a			
III-15.	Supplier negotiationsDo your purchases of PRCBs usually involve negotiations between												

If yes, explain the factors you generally negotiate and note whether

your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.

supplier and purchaser?

No

Yes

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III-TO.	Change in suppliers.	- Has voul IIIIII	CHAILECU	3UDDIICI 3 3	nice January	1. 2000:

No	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.

III-17. New suppliers.--

(a)	Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that	it have entered the
	market since January 1, 2009?	

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.	

(b) Do you expect new PRCB suppliers to enter the U.S. market?

No	Yes	If yes, please explain.

III-18. <u>Supplier qualification</u>.--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell PRCBs to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors

III-19.	Failure to certifySince January 1, 2009, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their
	attempts to certify or qualify their PRCBs with your firm or have any producers lost their
	approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-20.	Major purchasing factors Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors
	your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase PRCBs (examples include availability,
	extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier,
	etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Ple	ease list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

III-21. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for PRCBs.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Quality meets industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

III-22.	Quality charact quality of PRCBs		What characteristics d	oes your firm consider wh	nen determining the
III-23. Frequency o offered at the Alwa III-24. Price leaders either upwar significant in					
III-23.	Frequency of de offered at the lo		•	ften does your firm purch	nase the PRCBs that are
	Always		Usually	Sometimes	Never
III-24.	either upward of significant impa	or down	ward, that is followed by ices. A price leader is no	ne or more firms that init other firms, or (2) one o ot necessarily the lowest-p ed price leaders in the PRO	r more firms that have a priced supplier.
	Firm(s)		be how the firm(s) exhibe announcements, publi	oited price leadership (e. shed price sheets, etc.)	g., up/down, price

III-25.		ingHas your firm purchased PRCBs using a bidding process, including reverse ons or other internet bid solicitations, either in the United States or ?
	No	Yes, please describe your firm's four largest purchases using a bid process since January 1, 2009.

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Date	Quantity	Value of	Lowest bid		Lowest	Lowest	Country	_	Factors other
bidding	I -	winning		bid for	bid for	bid for	source of	of	than price
ended	(pounds)	bid		subject	non-	non-	product	winning	considered in
		(dollars)	(dollars)	country	subject	subject	with the	bid	this purchase
				PRCBs	country	China,	lowest bid		(i.e.,
				(dollars)	PRCBs	Malaysia			thickness;
					(dollars)	and/or			type;
						Thailand			experience
						PRCBs			with
						(dollars)			producer;
									country of
									manufacture;
									appearance;
									etc)

III-26.	Changes	in U.S.	industry	<u> </u>

III-27.

(a)	Please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. PRCB industry since January 1, 2009 and explain the factors, including the order(s) under review, that were responsible for each improvement/change.
(b)	Please discuss any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. PRCB industry. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes.
coun	t of revocationWhat do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the tervailing duty order on imports from Vietnam and/or the antidumping duty order(s) on rts of PRCBs from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam? As opriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the countervailing duty and

Activities of your firm	
Entire U.S. market	

antidumping duty orders on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a

whole. Please note the future time period to which you are referring.

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS

IV-1. <u>Country knowledge.</u>--Please indicate the countries of origin for PRCBs for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	China (subject)	Indonesia	Malaysia (subject)	Taiwan	Thailand (subject)	Vietnam	Nonsubject producers from China, Malaysia, and/or Thailand (please specify:	Other countries (please specify:

IV-2. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Are PRCBs produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China (subject)	Indonesia	Malaysia (subject)	Taiwan	Thailand (subject)	Vietnam	Other sources, including Nonsubject producers from China, Malaysia, and/or Thailand (please specify:)
United States							
China							
Indonesia		\times					
Malaysia		\times	\times				
Taiwan			\times	><			
Thailand					\times		
Vietnam						\rightarrow	

For any country-pair producing PRCBs that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

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IV-3. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between PRCBs produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China (subject)	Indonesia	Malaysia (subject)	Taiwan	Thailand (subject)	Vietnam	Other sources, including Nonsubject producers from China, Malaysia, and/or Thailand (please specify:)
United States							
China							
Indonesia							
Malaysia			\times				
Taiwan			\times	\times			
Thailand			><				
Vietnam							

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of PRCBs, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.
certain c	ountry so	
No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.
	f produc	t not based on priceIf you purchased PRCBs from one source although a uct was available from another country source at a lower price, please explai

IV-7. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how PRCBs produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with PRCBs produced in each of the other countries you identified.

	<u>Uni</u> coi	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			oduct fr ited Sta mpared oduct fr idones	ites I to om	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Malaysia</u>				
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Superior Comparable			
Availability											
Delivery terms											
Delivery time											
Discounts offered											
Extension of credit											
Minimum quantity requirements											
Packaging											
Price ¹											
Product consistency											
Product range											
Quality exceeds industry standards											
Quality meets industry standards											
Reliability of supply											
Technical support/service											
U.S. transportation costs ¹											

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-7. **Continued.**

	Uni coi pro	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Taiwan</u>			duct fr ted Sta npared duct fr hailan	i <u>tes</u> I to om	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-7. **Continued.**

	Un cor pro <u>No</u>	Product from United States compared to product from Nonsubject sources		Product from <u>China</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject</u> <u>sources</u>			Product from Indonesia compared to product from Nonsubject sources		<u>ia</u> d to rom ect
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-7. **Continued.**

	coi pro <u>No</u>	Product from <u>Malaysia</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject</u> sources		Product from <u>Taiwan</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject</u> <u>sources</u>			Product from Thailand compared to product from Nonsubject sources		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-7. Continued.

	Product from <u>Vietnam</u> compared to product from <u>Nonsubject sources</u>				
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		
Availability					
Delivery terms					
Delivery time					
Discounts offered					
Extension of credit					
Minimum quantity requirements					
Packaging					
Price ¹					
Product consistency					
Product range					
Quality exceeds industry standards					
Quality meets industry standards					
Reliability of supply					
Technical support/service					
U.S. transportation costs ¹					
¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transporta	tion costs indicat	es that the first o	country		

generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

IV-8.	Minimum qualityHow often do PRCBs from the following countries meet minimum quality
	specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
China (subject)					
Indonesia					
Malaysia (subject)					
Taiwan					
Thailand (subject)					
Vietnam					
Other:					

IV-9. Change in price.--

(a)	Since January 1, 2009, has there been a change in relative prices of PRCBs? If so, has the
	price of U.Sproduced PRCBs changed more or less than the price of imported PRCBs
	from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand and Vietnam?

No change in price.
Prices have changed by the same amount.
Price of U.Sproduced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from China (subject).
Price of U.Sproduced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from Indonesia.
Price of U.Sproduced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from Malaysia (subject).
Price of U.Sproduced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from Taiwan.
Price of U.Sproduced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from Thailand (subject).
Price of U.Sproduced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from Vietnam.

IV-9.	Change	in	nrice .	Con	tinued
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(b) If the price of U.S.-produced PRCBs has changed relative to the price of PRCBs from China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan, Thailand or Vietnam, the price of U.S.-produced PRCBs is now relatively

Higher	Lower	
		than those from China (subject).
		than those from Indonesia.
		than those from Malaysia (subject).
		than those from Taiwan.
		than those from Thailand (subject).
		than those from Vietnam.

IV-10.	not pro	ovide a na		er explain a response to a question that on e question number and the explanation i	

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