
LOST SALES AND LOST REVENUE SURVEY
CERTAIN AMORPHOUS SILICA FABRIC FROM CHINA

This survey must be received by the Commission by February 3, 2016

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this survey is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning Amorphous Silica Fabric ("ASF") from China (Inv. No. 701-TA-555 and 731-TA-1310 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the survey 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 survey can be obtained from Amelia Preece (202-205-3250, Amelia.Preece@usitc.gov).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm purchased ASF (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2013?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the survey to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the survey, and return the entire survey to the Commission)</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. (PIN: ASF1)</p>
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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in this survey 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 submitting this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this survey and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this investigation or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used:

(i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or

(ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone

Email address

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on January 20, 2016, by Auburn Manufacturing, Inc., Mechanic Falls, Maine. Countervailing and antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. U.S. producers of ASF have provided the USITC with allegations about sales or revenue that they have lost due to competition from imports of ASF from China. One or more domestic producer(s) have named your firm in such an allegation.

ASF covered by these investigations is woven, industrial grade amorphous silica fabric ("ASF"), which contains a minimum of 90 percent silica (SiO₂) by nominal weight, and a nominal width in excess of 8 inches. The petition covers industrial grade ASF regardless of other materials contained in the fabric, regardless of whether in roll form or cut-to-length, regardless of weight, width (except for ASF tape, as discussed below), or length. The petition covers industrial grade ASF regardless of whether the product is approved by a standards testing body (such as being Factory Mutual ("FM") Approved), or regardless of whether it meets any governmental specification.

Industrial grade ASF may be produced in various colors. The petition covers industrial grade ASF regardless of whether the fabric is colored. Industrial grade ASF may be coated or treated with materials that include, but are not limited to, oils, vermiculite, acrylic latex compound, silicone, aluminized polyester (Mylar®) film, pressure-sensitive adhesive, or other coatings and treatments. The petition covers industrial grade ASF regardless of whether the fabric is coated or treated. Industrial grade ASF may be heat-cleaned. The petition covers industrial grade ASF regardless of whether the fabric is heat-cleaned.

Industrial grade ASF may be imported in rolls or may be cut-to-length and then further fabricated to make welding curtains, welding blankets, welding pads, fire blankets, fire pads, or fire screens. Regardless of the name, all industrial grade ASF that has been further cut-to-length or cut-to-width or further finished by finishing the edges and/or adding grommets, is included within the scope of these petitions.

Subject merchandise also includes (1) any industrial grade ASF that has been converted into industrial grade ASF in China from fiberglass cloth produced in a third country; and (2) ASF that has been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to treating, coating, slitting, cutting to length, cutting to width, finishing the edges, adding grommets, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope industrial grade ASF.

Excluded from the scope of the petitions is ASF that is subjected to controlled shrinkage, which is also called "pre-shrunk" or "aerospace grade" ASF. In order to be excluded as a pre-shrunk or aerospace grade ASF, the ASF must meet the following exclusion criteria: (1) the ASF must contain a minimum of 98 percent silica (SiO₂) by nominal weight; (2) the ASF must have an areal shrinkage of 4 percent or less; (3) the ASF must contain no coatings or treatments; and (4) the ASF must be white in color. For purposes of this scope, "areal shrinkage" refers to the extent to which a specimen of ASF shrinks while subjected to heating at 1800 degrees F for 30 minutes.

Also excluded from the scope are ASF rope and tubing (or sleeving). ASF rope is a knitted or braided product made from amorphous silica yarns. Silica tubing (or sleeving) is braided into a hollow sleeve from amorphous silica yarns.

The subject imports are normally imported under statistical reporting numbers 7019.59.4021, 7019.59.4096, 7019.59.9021, and 7019.59.9096 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"), but may also enter under HTSUS items 7019.90.1000 or 7019.90.5050. HTSUS provisions are

provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates.

Confidentiality.--The data furnished in response to this survey 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.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this survey, 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. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Contact information.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this survey. This may or may not be the person whose signature is at the bottom of page 1.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

PURCHASE INFORMATION

1. **Purchases.**—Report your firm’s total U.S. purchases of ASF. Estimates are acceptable.

Item	2013	2014	2015
Purchases of ASF produced in--	Quantity (in kilograms)		
United States			
China			
All other countries:¹			
Sources unknown			
¹ Please identify these countries:			

2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**— Please indicate how the shares of your firm’s purchases of ASF from different sources have changed since January 1, 2013.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sources unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

3. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase ASF.

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

4. **Switching to imports.**—

- (a) Since January 1, 2013, did your firm switch any of its purchases from U.S.-produced ASF to imports of ASF from China? Respond for each subject country.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If “No”, skip to next question)
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) If you responded “Yes” to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Source	Yes	No
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (c) If you responded “Yes” to part (a), was price a primary reason for the shift?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of purchases that your firm shifted to imports since January 1, 2013 because of price (in kilograms)	No	If No, please indicate the reason for the shift
China	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	

5. **U.S. producers and import competition.**—

- (a) Since January 1, 2013, in connection with a sale or offer to sell ASF to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced ASF in order to compete with lower-priced imports of ASF from China?

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If “No”, skip to next question)	Don’t know
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) If your firm responded “yes” to any of the above countries, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers’ prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
China	%	

6. **Other explanations**--Please provide any additional comments in this box.

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OMB INFORMATION

7. **OMB statistics.**--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this survey.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this survey 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 survey is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the survey.

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

HOW TO FILE YOUR SURVEY RESPONSE

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the survey document.

Please submit the completed survey using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word survey or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/certain_amorphous_silica_fabric_china/preliminary.htm

• **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the MS Word survey along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

- **Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission *Drop Box* by clicking on the following link:** <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>. (PIN: **ASF1**)

• **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word survey to Amelia.Preece@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). *Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm’s nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.*

If your firm did not purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.