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FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CERTAIN BIAXIAL INTEGRAL GEOGRID PRODUCTS FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by October 26, 2016
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 countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning certain biaxial integral geogrid products ("biaxial integral geogrids") from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-554 and 731-TA-1309 (Final)). 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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)

Name of firm _____

Address _____

Website _____

Has your firm produced or exported biaxial integral geogrids (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2013?

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

☐ **YES** (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

Return questionnaire via the Commission *Drop Box* by clicking on the following link: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/. **(PIN: GRID)**

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 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 proceeding 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***

_____ ***Phone:*** _____ _____
Signature ***Email address***

Fax: _____

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

***Background*.** --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on January 13, 2016, by Tensar Corporation, Morrow, Georgia. 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 ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/certain_biaxial_integral_geogrid_products_china/final.htm_0

Biaxial Integral Geogrid covered by these investigations are a polymer grid or mesh material (whether or not finished, slit, cut-to-length, attached to woven or non-woven fabric or sheet material, or packaged) in which four-sided openings in the form of squares, rectangles, rhomboids, diamonds, or other four-sided figures predominate. The products covered have integral strands that have been stretched to induce molecular orientation into the material (as evidenced by the strands being thinner in width toward the middle between the junctions than at the junctions themselves) constituting the sides of the openings and integral junctions where the strands intersect. The scope includes products in which four-sided figures predominate whether or not they also contain additional strands intersecting the four-sided figures and whether or not the inside corners of the four-sided figures are rounded off or not sharp angles. As used herein, the term ''integral'' refers to strands and junctions that are homogenous with each other. The products covered have a tensile strength of greater than 5 kilonewtons per meter (''kN/m'') according to American Society for Testing and Materials (''ASTM'') Standard Test Method D6637/D6637M in any direction and average overall flexural stiffness of more than 100,000 milligram-centimeter according to the ASTM D7748/D7748M Standard Test Method for Flexural Rigidity of Geogrids, Geotextiles and Related Products, or other equivalent test method standards.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, packaged, or otherwise further processed in a third country, including by trimming, slitting, coating, cutting, punching holes, stretching, attaching to woven or nonwoven fabric or sheet material, or any other finishing, packaging, or other further processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations if performed in the country of manufacture of the biaxial integral geogrid.

The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (''HTSUS'') under the following subheading: 3926.90.9995. Subject merchandise may also enter under subheadings 3920.20.0050 and 3925.90.0000. The HTSUS subheadings set forth above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

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 (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

Confidentiality.--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.

***Verification*.--**The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all 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.

I-1. **OMB statistics**.--Please report below 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 20 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. **Establishments covered**.--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

"Establishment"-- Each facility of a firm in China involved in the production or export of biaxial integral geogrids, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in China should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

I-3. **Related producers**.--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce biaxial integral geogrids 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.

I-4. **Related U.S. importers**.--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import geogrids into the United States?

☐ No ☐ Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire.

I-5. **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 biaxial integral geogrids in 2015.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2015 U.S. exports (%)
1					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
2					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
3					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
4					Street Address , City State Zip Code	
5					Street Address , City State Zip Code	

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Hangyul Chang (202-205-3062, hangyul.chang@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis**.

II-1. **Contact information.**-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. **Changes in operations.--**Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2013.

(*check as many as appropriate*)		(*If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable*)
☐	plant openings	
☐	plant closings	
☐	relocations	
☐	expansions	
☐	acquisitions	
☐	consolidations	
☐	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
☐	revised labor agreements	
☐	other (*e.g.*, technology)	

II-3. **Anticipated changes in operations.--**Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of biaxial integral geogrids 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 the response a specific projection of your firm's capacity to produce biaxial integral geogrids (in square yards) for 2016 and 2017.**

II-4a. **Production using same extrusion machinery.--**Does your firm use the extrusion machinery its uses to produce biaxial integral geogrids to produce products other than biaxial integral geogrids?

The inputs for triaxial geogrid production (check only one):

☐ No ☐ Yes – the extrusions used to produce triaxial geogrids: without the need for (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling
☐ Yes -- the extrusions used to produce triaxial geogrids: but only with (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

All other polyprolene extrusions products (check only one):

☐ No ☐ Yes – products other than the intermediate products for biaxial and triaxial geogrids: without the need for (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling
☐ Yes -- products other than the intermediate products for biaxial and triaxial geogrids: but only with (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

Describe the other products that can be produced from your firm's extrusion machinery. And if (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling is required to switch between the production of biaxial geogrids and other products, please describe the downtime that is required for this machinery to be (re)calibrated and/or (re)tooled, including all specific steps and processes necessary for the (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling.

II-4b. **Production using same punching and stretching machinery. --**Are other products punched and stretched using the same machinery that is used to punch and stretch biaxial integral geogrids?

Punching and stretching for triaxial integral geogrid production (check only one):

☐ No

☐ Yes – the punching and stretching operations used to produce triaxial geogrids: without the need for (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

☐ Yes -- the punching and stretching operations used to produce triaxial geogrids: but only with (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

Punching and stretching for any other products (check only one):

☐ No

☐ Yes – products other than the intermediate products for biaxial and triaxial geogrids: without the need for (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

☐ Yes -- products other than the intermediate products for biaxial and triaxial geogrids: but only with (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

Describe the other products that can be produced from your firm's punching and stretching machinery. And if (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling is required to switch between the production of biaxial integral geogrids and other products, please describe the downtime that is required for this machinery to be (re)calibrated and/or (re)tooled, including all specific steps and processes necessary for the (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling.

II-4c. **Production using "other machinery".—**

(i) Are there "other machinery" used in the production of biaxial integral geogrids other than the extrustion machinery discussed in question II-4a and the punching and stretching machinery discussed in question II-4b above? (check only one)

☐ No ☐ Yes – Describe this machinery

(ii) If yes, are there products other than biaxial integral geogrids that also are produced using these additional machinery? (check only one)

☐ No ☐ Yes -- without the need for (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling
☐ Yes – but only with (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling

Describe the other products that can be produced from your firm's "other machinery." And if (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling is required to switch between the production of biaxial integral geogrids and other products, please describe the downtime that is required for this machinery to be (re)calibrated and/or (re)tooled, including all specific steps and processes necessary for the (re)calibration and/or (re)tooling.

II-4d. **Production constraints**.--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacities, and what if any impact these constraint(s) have on the data reported in question II-10.

Extrusion machinery	
Punching and stretching machinery	
Other machinery	

II-4e. **Product shifting**.—

(i). Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between biaxial integral geogrids and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?

☐ No ☐ Yes--(i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products). Please identify other actual or potential products: _____.

(ii). Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.

II-5. **Share of sales.--**What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of biaxial integral geogrids? _____ percent.

II-6. **Firm's estimated share of production in China.--**Please estimate the percentage of total production of biaxial integral geogrids in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2015. _____ percent.

II-7. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.--**Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of biaxial integral geogrids from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2015. _____ percent.

II-8. **Inventories in the United States.--**Has your firm, since 2013, maintained any inventories of biaxial integral geogrids in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

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

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

Quantity (*in square yards)*			
	Calendar year		
Item	**2013**	**2014**	**2015**
Inventory			

II-9. **Third country trade actions**.--Is the biaxial integral geogrids exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

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

II-10. **Trade data**.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids in your establishment(s) in China during the specified periods. Do not include resales of biaxial integral geogrids that your firm did not produce in this question; those data to the degree they are exported to the United States should only be reported in question II-11.

Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country. If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. 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 China, including production consumed internally within your firm.

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

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

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

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outstide China, including shipments to related firms.

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

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-10. **Trade data**.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of biaxial integral geogrids in your establishment(s) in China during the specified periods.

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Quantity (*in square yards*)							
	Actual experience					Projections[1]	
	Calendar year			January-September		Calendar year	
Item	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
Average production capacity[2] (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)							
Production (C)							
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets[3] (G)							
Total exports (H) (*should equal F+G*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (*should equal D+E+F+G*)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							

[1] Please explain the basis for your firm's projections. _____.

[2] The production capacity 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. _____.

[3] Identify principal other export markets. _____.

II-10. **Trade data**.—*Continued.*

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RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	Calendar year			January-September		Calendar year	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
B + C – D – E – F –G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation.[1]	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

[1] Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.

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II-11. **Exports to the United States not produced by your firm**.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of biaxial integral geogrids that was produced in China but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should **not** be included in question II-10.

Quantity (*in short tons*)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections	
	Calendar year			January-March		Calendar year	
	2013	2014	2015	2015	2016	2016	2017
Exports of biaxial integral geogrids to the United States not produced by your firm[1]							

[1] List the producer(s). _____.

II-12. **Other explanations.--**If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

PART III.-- ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Hangyul Chang (202-205-3062, hangyul.chang@usitc.gov).

III-1. **Comparability of biaxial integral geogrids vs triaxial integral geogrids.--**For each of the following indicate whether biaxial integral geogrids (subject to these investigations) and triaxial integral geogrids (a related product) are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

(a) **Characteristics and Uses**.-- The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses between biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids.

Fully comparable	Mostly comparable	Somewhat comparable	Not at all comparable	NA/no familiarity
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their *characteristics and uses*:

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_____

(b) **Interchangeability**.--The ability to substitute biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids in the same application.

Fully interchangeable	Mostly interchangeable	Somewhat interchangeable	Not at all interchangeable	NA/no familiarity
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their *interchangeability*:

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_____

III-1. **Comparability of biaxial integral geogrids vs triaxial integral geogrids.--*Continued***

(c) **Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees**.-- Whether biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids are manufactured in the same facilities, from the same iinputs, on the same machinery and equipment, and using the same employees.

Fully the same	Mostly the same	Somewhat the same	Not at all the same	NA/no familiarity
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their *manufacturing processes*:

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_____

(d) **Channels of distribution**.-- Channels of distribution/market situation through which biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids are sold (i.e., sold direct to end users, through distributors, etc.).

Fully comparable	Mostly comparable	Somewhat comparable	Not at all comparable	NA/no familiarity
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their *channels of distribution*:

_____

_____

III-1. **Comparability of biaxial integral geogrids vs triaxial integral geogrids.--*Continued***

(e) **Customer and producer perceptions**.--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids in the market (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Fully comparable	Mostly comparable	Somewhat comparable	Not at all comparable	NA/no familiarity
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their *customer and producer perceptions*:

_____

_____

(f) **Price**.--Whether prices are comparable or differ between biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids.

Fully comparable	Mostly comparable	Somewhat comparable	Not at all comparable	NA/no familiarity
☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their *prices*:

_____

_____

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at: https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/certain_biaxial_integral_geogrid_products_china/final.htm_0

> ***Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document***. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

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

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ ***Pin***: **GRID**

• **E-mail**.—E-mail your questionnaire to hangyul.chang@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 produce or export this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

Parties to this proceeding.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, you are required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (*see* 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (*see* 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.