

U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CERTAIN BIAxIAL INTEGRAL GEOGRID PRODUCTS FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **January 27, 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 and antidumping duty investigations concerning certain biaxial integral geogrid products ("biaxial integral geogrids") from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-554 and 731-TA-1309 (Preliminary)). 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 _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Website _____
Has your firm imported biaxial integral geogrids (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1, 2012?
<input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)
Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade 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 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:

Fax:

Email address

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 makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/certain_biaxial_integral_geogrid_products_china/preliminary.htm.

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 strands (which generally have at least some degree of molecular orientation) that constitute the sides of the openings and integral junctions where the strands intersect. The products covered have a tensile strength of greater than 5 kilonewtons per meter ("kN/m") as measured by American Society for Testing and Materials ("ASTM") Standard D6637/D6637M in any direction and average overall flexural stiffness of more than 100,000 milligram-centimeter as measured under the ASTM D7748/D7748M Standard Test Method for Flexural Rigidity of Geogrids, Geotextiles and Related Products.

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, attaching to woven or non-woven 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.

All products that meet the written physical description are within the scope of these investigations unless specifically excluded. The following products are outside of and/or specifically excluded from the scope of these investigations:

- (i) grid or mesh materials comprised of strands (including strands consisting of bundled, coated, or sheathed fibers or filaments) that are:
 - (a) woven, knitted, or stitched together;
 - (b) mechanically joined (such as through tying, stapling, or use of rings);
 - (c) joined together by calendaring, heating, lasers, or welding in such a way as to lack a homogenous or integral junction, such as where strands running in different directions remain mostly in two planes; or
 - (d) bonded together with adhesives or other materials; and
- (ii) grid or mesh materials wholly comprised of materials other than polypropylene or high density polyethylene.

The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under the following provisions: 3926.90.99.95. Subject merchandise may also enter under provisions 3920.20.00.55 and 3925.90.00.00. The HTSUS subheadings set forth above are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

Importer.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing biaxial integral geogrids (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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, and/or purchaser 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 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. **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 involved in the importation of biaxial integral geogrids, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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

No Yes--List the following information

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

I-4. **Related importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing biaxial integral geogrids from China into the United States or that are engaged in exporting biaxial integral geogrids from China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Affiliation

I-5. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of biaxial integral geogrids?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Affiliation

I-6. **Importing operations.**--Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on biaxial integral geogrids. More than one answer may be applicable.

Importer of record	Takes title to the imported product(s)	Consignee of the imported products(s)	Customs broker or freight forwarder
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-7. **Consignee.**--If your firm is an importer of record of biaxial integral geogrids but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

Firm name	Address	Contact person and phone number

I-8. **FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses.**--Please indicate whether your firm enters biaxial integral geogrids into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also indicate whether your firm imports biaxial integral geogrids under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

"Foreign trade zone" is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

"Bonded warehouse" is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

"Temporary Importation under Bond ("TIB") program" is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States(HTS).

	No	Yes
Foreign trade zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bonded warehouses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Temporary importation under bond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I-9. **Third-country trade activities.**--To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

No Yes--Please specify.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Amy Sherman (202-205-3289, amy.sherman@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 importation of biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2012.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Office/warehouse openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Office/warehouse closings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (e.g., technology)	

II-3. **Arranged imports.**--Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of biaxial integral geogrids for delivery on or after September 30, 2015?

"Arranged imports" are imports for which your firm has placed an order with a foreign producer for subject merchandise, but delivery of those imports is not scheduled to occur until after the date listed above.

No Yes--Fill out the table below.

Quantity (in pounds)				
Period/Source	Oct-Dec 2015	Jan-Mar 2016	Apr-Jun 2016	Jul-Sept 2016
China				
Other sources: ¹				
¹ Identify your other sources: _____.				

II-4. **Reasons for importing if producer.**--If your firm also produces biaxial integral geogrids in the United States, please indicate the reasons for importing this product. If your firm's reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

Definitions

"Imports" –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

"Import quantities" –Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Import values" –Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

"U.S. commercial shipments" – Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

"Internal consumption" –Product consumed internally by your firm.

"Transfers to related firms" –Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Related firm" –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Export shipments" – Shipments to destinations outside the United States, 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-5. **IMPORTS FROM CHINA.**—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of biaxial integral geogrids imported from China by your firm during the specified periods.

CHINA

Quantity (in pounds), value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)					
Value (I)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)					
To end users/contractors (quantity) (L)					
<p>¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____.</p> <p>² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that your firm uses a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above: _____.</p> <p>³ Identify your firm's principal export markets: _____.</p>					

II-5. IMPORTS FROM CHINA.—Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--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 A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H). 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
A + B – D – F – H – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	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: _____.					

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K and L) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. commercial shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
K + L – D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6. **IMPORTS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES.**—Report your firm’s imports and your firm’s shipments and inventories of biaxial integral geogrids imported from **all other sources combined** by your firm during the specified periods.

ALL OTHER SOURCES COMBINED

(list sources: _____)

Quantity (in pounds), value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports: ¹ Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption/ company transfers: Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Export shipments: ³ Quantity (H)					
Value (I)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (J)					
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (quantity) (K)					
To end users/contractors (quantity) (L)					
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____. ² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that your firm uses a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above: _____. ³ Identify your firm’s principal export markets: _____.					

II-6. IMPORTS FROM ALL OTHER SOURCES.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--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 A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H). 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.

Reconciliation	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
A + B – D – F – H – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	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: _____.

RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines K and L) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. commercial shipments (i.e., line D) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Reconciliation item	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
K + L – D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-7. Other explanations.--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative response 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.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Cindy Cohen (202-205-3230, cindy.cohen@usitc.gov).

III-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 III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. distributors and to unrelated U.S. end users/contractors since January 1, 2012 of the following products your firm imported from China:

Product 1.--Biaxial integral geogrid, made from polypropylene, commonly known as "Type 1" or "BX 1100," with a minimum rib thickness of 0.03 inches, and an ultimate tensile strength of 850 lb/ft in the longitudinal direction (also known as "machine direction" or "MD Value") and 1,300 lb/ft in the transverse direction (also known as "cross machine direction" or "XMD Value").

Product 2.--Biaxial integral geogrid, made from polypropylene, commonly known as "Type 2" or "BX 1200," with a minimum rib thickness of 0.05 inches, and an ultimate tensile strength of 1,310 lb/ft for the MD Value, and 1,970 lb/ft for the XMD Value.

Please note that values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the final net amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

During January 2012-September 2015, did your firm import from China and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. --Please complete the following pricing data table as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. --Skip to question III-3.

III-2. **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm.

China

Report data in actual pounds and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

<i>(Quantity in pounds, value in dollars)</i>								
Period of shipment	Sales to distributors				Sales to contractors			
	Product 1		Product 2		Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2012:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2013:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2014:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2015:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								

¹ Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.
² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

Note.--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:
 Product 2:

Pricing data methodology.—Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

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

III-3. **Price setting.**-- How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of biaxial integral geogrids (*check all that apply*)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-4. **Discount policy.**-- Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-5. **Pricing terms.**--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for biaxial integral geogrids imported from China?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of imported biaxial integral geogrids from China usually quoted (*check one*)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of biaxial integral geogrids imported from China in 2014 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	
Share of 2014 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

III-7. **Contract provisions.**— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for biaxial integral geogrids from China (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet or release provision	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-8. **Lead times.**--What is your firm's share of sales of biaxial integral geogrids imported from China from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of biaxial integral geogrids?

Source	Share of 2014 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-9. **Shipping information.**—

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of biaxial integral geogrids imported from China that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? percent.
- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?
 Your firm Purchaser (check one)
- (c) When your firm sells biaxial integral geogrids imported from China, from where is it shipped?
 Point of importation Storage facility (check one)
- (d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of biaxial integral geogrids imported from China that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. **Geographical shipments.**--In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold biaxial integral geogrids imported from China since January 1, 2012 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	China
Northeast. --CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwest. --IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast. --AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Southwest. --AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountains. --AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Coast. --CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. --All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-11. **End uses.**--List the end uses of the biaxial integral geogrids that your firm imports from China. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by biaxial integral geogrids and other inputs?

End use product	Share of total cost of end-use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Biaxial integral geogrids	Other inputs	
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

III-12. **Substitutes.**-- Can other products be substituted for biaxial integral geogrids?

No Yes--Please fill out the table.

	Substitute	End use in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for biaxial integral geogrids?		
			No	Yes	Explanation
1.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-13. **Demand trends.**-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for biaxial integral geogrids has changed since January 1, 2012. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-14. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix or marketing of biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-15. **Conditions of competition.**—

(a) Is the biaxial integral geogrids market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to biaxial integral geogrids?

Check all that apply.	Please describe.
<input type="checkbox"/> No	Skip to question III-16.
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-16. **Supply constraints.**--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2012 (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.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-17. **Raw materials.**-- How have biaxial integral geogrids raw materials prices changed since January 1, 2012?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for biaxial integral geogrids.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-18. **Interchangeability.**--Is biaxial integral geogrids 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 O 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

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China	X	
For any country-pair producing biaxial integral geogrids that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:		

III-19. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between biaxial integral geogrids produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or O 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

O = *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China		
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of biaxial integral geogrids, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:		

III-20. **Customer identification.**--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2012. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of biaxial integral geogrids that each of these customers accounted for in 2014.

	Customer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2014 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

III-21. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III that did not provide a narrative response 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 IV.-- ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Amy Sherman (202-205 3289, amy.sherman@usitc.gov).

IV-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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Fully interchangeable	Mostly interchangeable	Somewhat interchangeable	Not at all interchangeable	NA/no familiarity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

- (c) **Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees.--** Whether refined biaxial integral geogrids and triaxial integral geogrids are manufactured in the same facilities, from the same inputs, 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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

- (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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

IV-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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

IV-2. Imports of triaxial integral geogrids.-- Has your firm imported triaxial integral geogrids from any country at any time since January 1, 2012?

No Yes--Fill out the table below.

Quantity (in pounds), value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
Imports from China:					
<i>Quantity</i>					
<i>Value</i>					
Imports from all other sources:					
<i>Quantity</i>					
<i>Value</i>					

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://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/certain_biaxial_integral_geogrid_products_china/preliminary.htm.

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- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to amy.sherman@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 import 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, it is 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.