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**FOREIGN PRODUCERS’/EXPORTERS’ QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**CERTAIN BIAxIAL INTEGRAL GEOGRID PRODUCTS FROM CHINA**

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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.

<p><b>Name of firm</b> _____</p> <p><b>Address</b> _____</p> <p><b>Website</b> _____</p> <p>Has your firm produced or exported biaxial integral geogrids (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2012?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> (Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><b>Return questionnaire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link:</b> <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a>. (PIN: GRID)</p>
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**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*

<b>Name of Authorized Official</b>	<b>Title of Authorized Official</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Signature</b>	<b>Phone:</b> _____	<b>Email address</b>
	<b>Fax:</b> _____	

**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](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.

**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.

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- I-3. **Related U.S. 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.

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

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

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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 2014.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2014 U.S. exports (%)
<b>1</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>2</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>3</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>4</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
<b>5</b>					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Amy Sherman (202-205-3289, [am.sherman@usitc.gov](mailto:am.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 production of biaxial integral geogrids since January 1, 2012.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/>	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 pounds) for 2015 and 2016.**

II-4a. **Production using same machinery.**-- Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce biaxial integral geogrids, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery.

**"Overall 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).

**"Production"** --All production in your establishment(s) in China, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Item	Quantity (in pounds)				
	Calendar years			January-September	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015
<b>Overall production capacity</b>					
<b>Production of:</b>					
Biaxial integral geogrids <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Other products <sup>2</sup>					
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Data entered for production of biaxial integral geogrids will populate here once reported in question II-7. <sup>2</sup> Please identify these products: _____.					

II-4b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported in II-4a is based on operating \_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_ weeks per year.

II-4c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-4a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.

II-4d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.

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 2014. \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2014. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.



II-8. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2012, 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 pounds)			
Item	Calendar year		
	2012	2013	2014
<b>Inventory</b>			

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 in your establishment(s) in China during the specified periods.

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 outside 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**--Continued.

Quantity (in pounds)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections <sup>1</sup>	
	Calendar year			January-September		Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016
Average production capacity <sup>2</sup> (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 <sup>3</sup> (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)							

<sup>1</sup> Please explain the basis for your firm's projections. \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> 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. \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>3</sup> Identify principal other export markets. \_\_\_\_\_.

II-10. **Trade data.**—*Continued.*

*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-March		Calendar year	
	2012	2013	2014	2014	2015	2015	2016
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate.							

II-11. **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 Amy Sherman (202-205 3289, [amy.sherman@usitc.gov](mailto:amy.sherman@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
<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:

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(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:

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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 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:

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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
<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:

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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
<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:

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(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:

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## 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](https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/certain_biaxial_integral_geogrid_products_china/preliminary.htm).

***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 [amy.sherman@usitc.gov](mailto: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 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.