U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

LOW MELT POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER FROM KOREA AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>July 11, 2017</u>

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the antidumping duty investigations concerning low melt polyester staple fiber (PSF) from Korea and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1378 and 1379 (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

City	State Zip Code				
Website					
Has your firm prod	uced low melt PSF (as defined on the next page) at any time since January 1, 2014?				
NO (Sign	NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)				
YES (Cor	mplete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)				
= 1	naire via the Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: usitc.gov/oinv/ (PIN: LMPSF)				
	CERTIFICATION				
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 27, 2017, by Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America, Livingston, New Jersey. 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 dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/low melt polyester staple fiber korea and taiwa n/preliminary.htm.

<u>Low melt polyester staple fiber</u> covered by these investigations is synthetic staple fibers, not carded or combed, specifically bi-component polyester fibers having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component, used for bonding fibers together ("low melt PSF"). The scope includes bi-component polyester staple fibers of any denier or cut length. The subject merchandise may be coated, usually with a finish or dye, or not coated.

The following merchandise is excluded from the scope: (1) polyester staple fiber equal to or greater than 3.3 decitex (greater than 3 denier, inclusive) that are not bi-component fiber, currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at statistical reporting numbers 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065; (2) polyester staple fiber of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier) that are not bi-component fiber, currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States at subheadings 5503.20.0025.

Low melt polyester staple fiber is classifiable under statistical reporting number 5503.20.0015 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under the order is dispositive.

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

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

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

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

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 50 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-1b. <u>TAA information release</u>.--In the event that the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC) makes an affirmative final determination in this proceeding, do you consent to the USITC's release of your contact information (company name, address, contact person, telephone number, email address) appearing on the front page of this questionnaire to the Departments of Commerce, Labor, and Agriculture, as applicable, so that your firm and its workers can be made eligible for benefits under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program?

Yes	No

I-3.

I-4.

I-2. **Establishments covered**.--Provide the city, state, zip code, and brief description of each establishment covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol in the footnote to the table. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

"Establishment" -- Each facility of a firm involved in the production of low melt PSF, including

stablishments Covered ¹	City, State	Zip (5 digit)	Description
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2			
3			
4			
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I-5.		Does your firm have any related firm oporting low melt PSF into the United one United States?	-
	☐ No ☐ YesList th	ne following information.	
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation
I-6.	engaged in the production of I	r firm have any related firms, either down melt PSF? ne following information.	lomestic or foreign, that are
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Fax

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from **Porscha Stiger** (202-205-3241, **porscha.stiger@usitc.gov**). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

II-1.	Contact infor	<u>Contact information.</u> Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which					
	Commission s	Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted					
	in part II.						
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	Name						
	Title						
	Email						
	Telephone						

II-2. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of low melt PSF since January 1, 2014.

Checl	k 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-3a. <u>Production using same machinery.</u>--Please report your firm's production of products made on the same equipment and machinery used to produce low melt PSF, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment and machinery in the periods indicated.

"Overall production capacity" or "capacity" – The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. 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 U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
Calendar years January-March			March		
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Overall production capacity					
Production of: Low melt PSF ¹	0	0	0	0	0
PSF other than low melt with 3 denier or less					
PSF other than low melt with greater than 3 denier					
Other products ²					
Total	0	0	0	0	0

Please identify these products: _____.

Operating parameters.--The production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating hours

II-3b.	Operating parametersThe production capacity reported in II-3a is based on operating per week, weeks per year.	_ hou
II-3c.	<u>Capacity calculation</u> Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacity.	
II-3d.	<u>Production constraints</u> Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's production capacity.	

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II-3e.		_	your firm able to switch production (capacity) between low melt PS ame equipment and/or labor?	F and other
	☐ No		es (i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce oth products). Please identify other actual or potential products: _	
II-3f.	productio	n capacity	cors Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to sh between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and rs enhance or constrain such shifts.	
II-4.		Since Janua n of low m	ry 1, 2014, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement regardir elt PSF?	ng the
	materials	and the se	greement between two firms whereby the first firm furnishes the r cond firm uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.	
	No	Yes	If yes Please describe the toll arrangement(s) and name the firm involved.	ı(s)
II-5.	Foreign tr	ade zones	-	
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		perations Does your firm produce low melt PSF in and/or admit loreign trade zone (FTZ)?	w melt
	sr m	pecial proc perchandis	de zone" is a designated location in the United States where firms usedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foe. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the ruset forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.	reign
	No	Yes	If yes Describe the nature of your firms operations in FTZs and in the specific FTZ site(s).	dentify

(b)	Other firms' FTZ operationsTo your knowledge, do any firms in the United States
	import low melt PSF into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for use in distribution of low melt
	PSF and/or the production of downstream articles?

No	Yes	If yesIdentify the firms and the FTZs.

II-6. <u>Importer</u>.--Since January 1, 2014, has your firm imported low melt PSF?

"Importer" – The person or firm primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the merchandise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf. The importer may be the consignee, or the importer of record.

No	Yes	
		If yes <u>COMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE</u>

- II-7. <u>Production, shipment, and inventory data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of low melt PSF in its U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.
 - "Average production capacity" or "capacity" The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. 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 U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.
 - "Commercial U.S. shipments" Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report <u>net values</u> (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. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.
 - "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.
 - "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-7. **Production, shipment, and inventory data.--Continued**

Q	uantity (<i>in 1,00</i>	00 pounds) and	value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)		
	Calendar years			January	-March
ltem	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Average production capacity ¹ (quantity) (A)					
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (B)					
Production (quantity):(C)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments ² Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
Internal consumption: ³ Quantity (F)					
Value ² (G)					
Transfers to related firms: ³ Quantity (H)					
Value² (I)					
Export shipments: ⁴ Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (L)					
¹ The production capacity reported is methodology used to calculate production. What percentage of 2016 commenthe volume of sales the coating types of a linternal consumption and transfer different basis for valuing these transathat basis for each of the periods noted. ⁴ Identify your firm's principal exportage.	tion capacity, and cial U.S. shipment of your firm's low s to related firms ctions, please sped above:	d explain any char ts were sold with melt PSF: must be valued a	nges in reported ca a coatingp at fair market value	pacity ercent. Please descr	ribe in order of your firm uses a

II-7. Production, shipment, and inventory data.--Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.—Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) 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, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather reflect your firm's actual records; and, also provide explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years			Janu	ary-March		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017		
B + C - D - F - H - J - L = 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:							

II-8. <u>Channels of distribution</u>.--Report your firm's commercial U.S. shipments by channel of distribution.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)							
		Calendar years	January-March				
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017		
Channels of distribution: Commercial U.S. shipments: To distributors (M)							
To end users (N)							

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M and N) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. 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.

		Calendar years	January-March		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
M + N - D = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-9. <u>U.S. shipments by denier size and melt point</u>.--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) by denier size and melt point.

Quantity (1,000 pounds); Value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)						
	Calendar year 2016					
Item	Melting point at 120° F or lower	Melting point between 120° F and 170° F	Melting point at 170° F or greater			
U.S. shipments.— Denier size of less than 3 Quantity (O)						
Value (P)						
Denier size of 3 to 8 Quantity (Q)						
Value (R)						
Denier size greater than 8 Quantity (S)						
Value (T)						

<u>RECONCILIATION OF US SHIPMENTS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by denier size and melt point (i.e., lines O through R) here match the data for US shipments reported in the main trade grid question II-7 (i.e., lines D through I) in 2016. 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	Calendar year 2016
Quantity: $O + Q + S - D - F - H = zero ("0")$, if not revise	0
Value: $P + R + T - E - G - I = zero ("0"), if not revise$	0

II-10. <u>U.S. shipments by recycled PET content</u>.--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) by recycled PET content.

Quantity (1,000 pounds); Value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar year 2016				
U.S. shipments.— 100 percent virgin Quantity (U)					
Value (V)					
With any amount of recycled PETcontent ¹² Quantity (W)					
Value (X)					
¹ On average recycled PET content of this merchandise: percent. ¹ Are there any end use applications in which non-virgin low melt PSF cannot with virgin low melt PSF due to chemical imperfections or other technical limita yes, please describe:					

<u>RECONCILIATION OF US SHIPMENTS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for US shipments by recycled PET content (i.e., lines S through V) here match the data for US shipments reported in the main trade grid question II-7 (i.e., lines D through I) in 2016. 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	Calendar year 2016
Quantity: $U + W - D - F - H = zero$ ("0"), if not revise	0
Value: V + X − E −G − I = zero ("0"), if not revise	0

Explanation of trends:

II-11. <u>Employment data</u>.--Report your firm's employment-related data related to the production of low melt PSF and provide an explanation for any trends in these data.

"Production and Related Workers" (PRWs) includes working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations. The average number employed may be computed by adding the number of employees, both full time and part time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12. For the January to March periods, calculate similarly and divide by 3.

"Hours worked" includes time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight time hours.

"Wages paid" – Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

	Calendar years			January-March	
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Employment data:					
Average number of PRWs (number) (O)					
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours) (P)					
Wages paid to PRWs (\$1,000) (Q)					

rket formula, whether yo	ur firm retained mar	rketing rights to	o all transfers, and whe	
ı	rket formula, whether you	rket formula, whether your firm retained mar	rket formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to	olly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a r rket formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whe ated firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

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I-13.	<u>Purchases</u> Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased low melt PSF since January 1, 2014?									
	 "Purchase" – A transaction to buy product from a U.S. corporate entity such as another U.S. producer, a U.S. distributor, or a U.S. firm that has imported the product. "Import" – A transaction to buy from a foreign supplier where your firm is the importer of record. No YesReport such purchases below and explain the reasons for your firms' purchases: 									
		(Quantit	y in 1,000 po	unds)						
		С	alendar years	}	Januar	y-March				
	Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017				
	ea									
All	other sources									
Purch produ	ases from domestic cers ¹									
Purch source	ases from other es ²									
supplie	lease list the name of the i ers differ by source, please lease list the name of the p	identify the sour	ce for each liste	ed supplier:	.					
I-14.	Other explanationsIV that did not provide explanation in the spa firm had in providing the MS Word question	e a narrative resp ce provided belo he data in this s	oonse box, ple ow. Please alse	ease note the o use this spa	question num ce to highlight	ber and the any issues your				

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on th	is part of the	questionnaire	to Janet Freas	(202-205-3107,
janet.freas@usitc.gov).				

	Name Title	
	Email	
	Teleph	none
	Fax	
I-2.		Inting systemBriefly describe your firm's financial accounting system.
	A.	When does your firm's fiscal year end (month and day)? If your firm's fiscal year changed during the data-collection period, explain below:
	B.1.	Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which
		financial statements are prepared that include low melt PSF:
	2.	Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for low melt PSF: Yes No
	2.	Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for low melt PSF: Yes No How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below. Audited, unaudited, annual reports, 10Ks, 10 Qs,
		Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for low melt PSF: Yes No How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.
	3.	Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for low melt PSF: Yes No How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below. Audited, unaudited, annual reports, 10Ks, 10 Qs, Monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually Accounting basis: GAAP, cash, tax, or other comprehensive basis of

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-4.	Allocation basisBriefly descripterest expense and other inc	ny, for COGS, SG&A, and						
I-5.	<u>Product listing.</u> Please list the products your firm produces in the facilities in which it produces low melt PSF, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these products in your firm's most recent fiscal year.							
	Products		Share of sales					
	Low melt PSF		%					
			%					
			%					
			%					
			%					
5 .	production of low melt PSF fro	ss (raw materials, labor, energy, or a sm any related suppliers (e.g., inclus other components within the same	sive of transactions between ecompany)?					
7.	that your firm purchases from "Share of total COGS" please r recently completed fiscal year the company's own accounting	Please identify the inputs used in related suppliers and that are refle eport this information by relevant i. For "Input valuation" please descing system, of the purchase cost from cost plus, negotiated transfer price	cted in question III-9a. For nput on the basis of your most ribe the basis, as recorded in the related supplier; e.g., the					
	Input	Related supplier	Share of total COGS					

Input valuation as recorded in the firm's accounting books and records

III-8.	Inputs purchased from related suppliersPlease confirm that the inputs purchased from related suppliers, as identified in III-7, were reported in III-9a (financial results on low melt PSF) in a manner consistent with your firm's accounting books and records.
	Yes
	NoIn the space below, please report the valuation basis of inputs purchased from related suppliers as reported in table III-9a.

III-9a. Operations on low melt PSF.--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the low melt PSF operations of your firm's U.S. establishment(s). Do not report resales of products. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. Input purchases from related suppliers should be consistent with and based on information in the firm's accounting books and records. Provide data for your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years, and for the specified interim periods.

Quantity	/ (in 1,000 pounds)		· · ·		
	Fisc	al years ended	January-March		
ltem	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Net sales quantities: ²					
Commercial sales ("CS")					
Internal consumption ("IC")					
Transfers to related firms ("Transfers")					
Total net sales quantities	0	0	0	0	(
Net sales values: ² Commercial sales					
Internal consumption					
Transfers to related firms					
Total net sales values	0	0	0	0	(
Cost of goods sold (COGS): ³ Raw materials					
Direct labor					
Other factory costs					
Total COGS	0	0	0	0	(
Gross profit or (loss)	0	0	0	0	(
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses: Selling expenses					
General and administrative expenses					
Total SG&A expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Operating income (loss)	0	0	0	0	0
Other expenses and income: Interest expense					
All other expense items					
All other income items					
Net income or (loss) before income taxes	0	0	0	0	(
Depreciation/amortization included above					

¹ Include only sales (whether <u>domestic or export</u>) and costs related to your <u>U.S. manufacturing operations</u>.

Note -- The table above contains calculations that will appear when you have entered data in the MS Word form fields.

² Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

³ COGS (whether for domestic or export sales) should include <u>costs associated with CS, IC, and Transfers.</u>

III-9b. Raw materials for low melt PSF.—Please indicate the share of total raw material costs reported in III-9a in 2016 for the following raw material inputs:

Products	Share of total raw material costs (percent)
PTA	%
MEG	%
Other ¹	%
Total (should sum to 100 percent)	0.0 %
1 Please indicate any other notable "other" raw materials not expand provide the share of the total raw material costs that they account	•

III-9C.	quantitie have bee return th	es and valuen calculate	res, total COGS, gross profit (or loss), total SG&A, and net income (or loss)) ed from the data submitted in the other line items. Do the calculated fields data according to your firm's financial records ignoring non-material ay arise due to rounding?
	Yes	□ No	If the calculated fields do not show the correct data, please double check the feeder data for data entry errors and revise.
			Also, check signs accorded to the post operating income line items; the two expense line items should report positive numbers (i.e., expenses are positive and incomes or reversals are negativeinstances of the latter should be rare in those lines) while the income line item also in most instances should have its value be a positive number (i.e., income is positive, expenses or reversals are negative).
			If after reviewing and potentially revising the feeder data your firm has provided, the differences between your records and the calculated fields persist please identify and discuss the differences in the space below.

III-10. Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in the subject product financial results.--For each annual and interim period for which financial results are reported in question III-9a, please specify all material (significant) nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the schedule below, the specific question III-9a line item where the nonrecurring items are included, a brief description of the relevant nonrecurring items, and the associated values (in \$1,000), as reflected in question III-9a; i.e., if an aggregate nonrecurring item has been allocated to question III-9a, only the allocated value amount included in question III-9a should be reported in the schedule below. Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information only on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported financial results of the subject product in question III-9a.

	Fiscal years ended			January-March	
	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017
Nonrecurring item: In this column please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item and indicate the specific line item in table III-9a where the nonrecurring item is	nonrecurring it	em: In these co	lumns please repo question III-9a.	ort the amount o	f the relevant
classified.			Value (<i>\$1,000</i>)		
1. , classified as					
2. , classified as					
3. , classified as					
4. , classified as					
5. , classified as					
6. , classified as					
7. , classified as					

normal course of business; i.e., just as responses to question III-10 identify where these items are reported in question III-9a.	<u>records of the company</u> If non-recurring items were reported in question III-10 above, please identify where your company recorded these items in your accounting books and records in the
	normal course of business; i.e., just as responses to question III-10 identify where these items
	are reported in question in 5a.

III-12. <u>Asset values</u>.--Report the <u>total</u> assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of low melt PSF. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for low melt PSF in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with relevant cost allocations in question III-9a. Provide data as of the end of your firm's three most recently completed fiscal years.

Note: Total assets should reflect <u>net assets</u> after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted.

Total assets should be allocated to the subject products if these assets are also related to other products. Please provide a brief explanation if there are any substantial changes in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to asset write-offs, revaluation, and major purchases.

	Value (ir	\$1,000)	
		Fiscal years ended	
Item	2014	2015	2016
Total assets (net) 1			
¹ Describe			

III-13. <u>Capital expenditures and research and development expenses.</u>--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses for low melt PSF. Provide data for your firm's six most recently completed fiscal years, and for the specified interim periods.

	Value	(in \$1,000)				
	Fiscal years ended January-March					
Item	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
Capital expenditures ¹						
Research and development expenses ²						

¹ Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's capital expenditures on the subject product.

² Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's R&D expenses related to subject product.

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III-14.	Data consistency and reconciliationPlease indicate whether your firm's financial data for
	guestions III-9a, 12, and 13 are based on a calendar year or on your firm's fiscal year:

Calendar year	Fiscal year	Specify fiscal year

Please note the quantities and values reported in question III-9a should reconcile with the data reported in question II-6 (including export shipments) as long as they are reported on the same calendar year basis.

RECONCILIATION OF TRADE VS FINANCIAL DATA.--Please ensure that the quantities and values reported for total shipments in part II equal the quantities and values reported total net sales in part III of this questionnaire in each time period unless the financial data from part III are reported on a fiscal year basis, in which case only the interim periods must reconcile. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0") and both are being reported on a calendar basis, please explain the discrepancy below.

		Full year data		January-March		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	2016	2017	
Quantity: Trade data from part II less financial data from part III, = zero ("0") except as noted above.	0	0	0	0	0	
Value: Trade data from part II less financial data from part III, = zero ("0") except as noted above.	0	0	0	0	0	

Do these data in question III-9a reconcile with data in question II-7?

Yes	No	If no, please explain.

Do these data in question III-9a reconcile with data in question II-7?

Yes	No	If no, please explain.

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	negativ	e effe	ects on i	its return on investment PSF from Korea and/or	nuary 1, 2014, has your firm experienced any actual t or the scale of capital investments as a result of Taiwan?
		(ch	neck as i	many as appropriate)	(please describe)
				lation, postponement, ction of expansion ts	
		Denial or rejection of investment proposal		•	
				tion in the size of investments	
				on specific ments negatively red	
			Other		
III-15b. I	Does yo	ur fir	m's res _l	ponse differ by country?	?
	No		Yes	If yes, indicate which o	country and why:

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	experien develop	nced men	any act t and pr e produ	ual negative effects on oduction efforts (included) as a result of import	nentSince January 1, 2014, has your firm its growth, ability to raise capital, or existing ding efforts to develop a derivative or more advanced ts of low melt PSF from Korea and/or Taiwan? enced actual negative effects as follows:
		(ch	eck as i	many as appropriate)	(please describe)
			Rejecti	on of bank loans	
			Loweri	ng of credit rating	
				m related to the issue ks or bonds	
			Ability	to service debt	
	[Other		
III-16b.	Does you	ur fir	rm's res	ponse differ by country	??
	No		Yes	If yes, indicate which	country and why:

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	No	Yes	If yes, my firm anticipates negative effects as follows:
I-17b.	Does your	firm's res	ponse differ by country?
	No	Yes	If yes, indicate which country and why:
II-18.	that did no the space	ot provide provided the data i	If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III a narrative box, please note the question number and the explanation in below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in a this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word

PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Nabil Abbyad (202-708-1446, nabil.abbyad@usitc.gov).

IV-1. <u>Contact information.</u>--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

- IV-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2014 of the following products produced by your firm.
 - <u>Product 1</u>.--Low melt polyester staple fiber, 4 denier in diameter, 37-76 mm in cut length, sheath melt point of 110°C.
 - <u>Product 2</u>.--Low melt polyester staple fiber, 4 denier in diameter, 37-76 mm in cut length, sheath melt point of 180°C.
 - <u>Product 3</u>.--Low melt polyester staple fiber, 2 denier in diameter, 37-76 mm in cut length, sheath melt point of 110°C.

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> 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 2014-March 2017, did your firm produce and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data table(s) as appropriate.
NoSkip to question IV-3.

IV-2(b). <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² produced and sold by your firm.

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

			nds, value in dollo	ars)		
	Prod	uct 1	Produ	ıct 2	Produ	ıct 3
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2017:						
January-March						
¹ Net values (i.e., gross s goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S ² Pricing product definit	. point of shipmen	t.		orepaid freight, a	and the value of r	eturned
Note If your firm's product provide a description of your						
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

IV-2 (c). <u>Price data checklist.</u>--Please check that the pricing data in question IV-2(b) has been correctly reported.

Is the price data reported above:	√ if Yes
In actual dollars (not \$1,000) and actual pounds (not 1,000s)?	
F.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., does not include U.S. transport costs)?	
Net of all discounts and rebates?	
Have returns credited to the quarter in which the sale occurred?	
Less than reported commercial shipments in question II-7 in each year?	

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2 (d)		_	nethodology I to compile	=		he method a	and the kinds of documents/records
:	in tl que	he prepara estions on ti he supporti	tion of the pa he price data	rice data, o a. The Com	as Commis mission m	sion staff m ay also requ	supporting documents/records used ay contact your firm regarding lest that your company submit copies I, invoices, etc.) used to compile these
			•			•	at it charges for sales of low melt PSF submit sample pages of a recent list.
	Tr	ansaction		Set			
		by		price			Mark and the other
	tra	ansaction	Contracts	lists	Other		If other, describe
	Disc	count polic	Annual		describe	your firm's (discount policies (<i>check all that apply</i>).
	Q	uantity	total volume	No discount			
		scounts	discounts	policy	Other		Describe
	Pric	ing terms.					
	(a)	What a	are your firm	n's typical s	sales term	s for its U.S.	-produced low melt PSF?
		Net 30	Net 60	2/10 net			
		days	days	30 days	Other		Other (specify)
	(b)	On wh	at basis are	your firm's	prices of	domestic lo	w melt PSF usually quoted (check
	(b)				prices of		w melt PSF usually quoted (check

IV-6. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>—Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced low melt PSF in 2016 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

		Туре о	f sale			
	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)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	d o
Share of 2016	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

IV-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced low melt PSF (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	No. of days		365	
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
ana, or price	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicab	le			

IV-8. <u>Lead times.</u>—What is your firm's share of sales from inventory vs. 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 its U.S.-produced low melt PSF?

Source	Share of 2016 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

IV-9. Shipping information

(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the cost of U.Sproduced low melt PSF that i accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs?%
(b)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations? Your firm Purchaser (check one)
(c)	Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of low melt PSF that are

delivered the following distances from your firm's production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

IV-10. <u>Geographical shipments.--</u>In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold its U.S.-produced low melt PSF since January 1, 2014 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	√ if applicable
NortheastCT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	
MidwestIL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	
Southeast.—AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	
Central Southwest.—AR, LA, OK, and TX.	
Mountains.—AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	
Pacific Coast.–CA, OR, and WA.	
Other.—All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	

IV-11. <u>End uses.</u>--List the end uses of the low melt PSF that your firm manufactures. For each end-use product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by low melt PSF and other inputs?

		t of end use product ted for by	Total
End use product	Low melt PSF	Other inputs	(should sum to 100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

		Fı	nd use in v	which this	На		anges in the price of this substitute ted the price for low melt PSF?
	Substitute		substitute		No	Yes	Explanation
1.							
2.							
3.							
				1			
IV-1	States (if kno	wn) for low	melt PSF	has change	d since J	lanuai	States and outside of the United ry 1, 2014. Explain any trends and ges in demand.
	States (if kno	wn) for low	melt PSF	has change	d since J	lanuai e chan iate no	ry 1, 2014. Explain any trends and
N	States (if kno describe the	wn) for low principal fa Overall	melt PSF ctors that	has change have affect Overall	d since I ed these Fluctu with	lanuai e chan iate no	ry 1, 2014. Explain any trends and ges in demand.

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IV-14.	-14. Product changes Have there been any significant changes in the product range, pro or marketing of low melt PSF since January 1, 2014?						
	No	Yes	If yes, please describe	e and quantify if possible.			
IV-15.	Condition	s of comp	etition				
	СС		•	t to business cycles (other than general economy-widens of competition distinctive to low melt PSF? If yes,			
	Check all	that apply	<i>1</i> .	Please describe.			
		No		Skip to question IV-16.			
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)						
			her distinctive ions of competition				
	(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for low melt PSF since January 1, 2014?						
	No	Yes	If yes, describe.				
IV-16.	IV-16. <u>Supply constraints</u> Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply low mel since January 1, 2014 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less quantity promised, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?						
	No	e.					

IV-17. Raw materials.--How have low melt PSF raw material prices changed since January 1, 2014?

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 low melt PSF.

IV-18. <u>Interchangeability.</u>--Is low melt PSF produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

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

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

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

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

Country-pair	Korea	Taiwan	Other countries			
United States						
Korea						
Taiwan						
For any country-pair producing low melt PSF that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:						

IV-19. Factors other than price.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between low melt PSF 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 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	Korea	Taiwan	Other countries
United States			
Korea			
Taiwan			

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

IV-20. <u>Customer identification.</u>--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for low melt PSF since January 1, 2014. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of low melt PSF that each of these customers accounted for in 2016.

Customer's name		Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2016 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

IV-21. Competition from imports

(a) <u>Lost revenue</u>.--Since January 1, 2014: To avoid losing sales to competitors selling low melt PSF from Korea and/or Taiwan, did your firm:

Item	No	Yes
Reduce prices		
Roll back announced price increases		

(b) <u>Lost sales.</u>--Since January 1, 2014: Did your firm lose sales of low melt PSF to imports of this product from Korea and/or Taiwan?

No	Yes	

(c) The submission of lost sales/lost revenue allegations is to be completed only by NON-PETITIONERS.

If your firm indicated "yes" to any of the above, your firm can provide the Commission with additional information by downloading and completing the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet at http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm. Note that the Commission may contact the firms named to verify the allegations reported.

Is your firm submitting the lost sales/lost revenues worksheet?

No—Please explain.
Yes—Please complete the worksheet and submit via the Commission dropbox. https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ . (PIN: LMPSF)

IV-22. Other explanations.--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part IV 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.

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/701731/2017/low_melt_polyester_staple_fiber_k orea and taiwan/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.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—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: LMPSF

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to porscha.stiger@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 <u>does not </u>**produce this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—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.