FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

LAMINATED WOVEN SACKS FROM VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>December 7, 2018</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 countervailing and antidumping investigations concerning laminated woven sacks from Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-601 and 731-TA-1411 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

Website		
Has your firm produc 1, 2015?	ced or exported laminated woven sacks (as def	fined on next page) at any time since January
NO (Sign t	the certification below and promptly return only th	is page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES (Comp	plete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the e	entire questionnaire to the Commission)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. -- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on March 7, 2018, by the Laminated Woven Sacks Fair Trade Coalition, which is comprised of Polytex Fibers Corporation (Houston, Texas) and ProAmpac, LLC (Cincinnati, Ohio). Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2018/laminated woven sacks vietnam/final.htm

Laminated woven sacks covered by these investigations are bags consisting of one or more plies of fabric consisting of woven polypropylene strip and/or woven polyethylene strip, regardless of the width of the strip; with or without an extrusion coating of polypropylene and/or polyethylene on one or both sides of the fabric; laminated by any method either to an exterior ply of plastic film such as biaxially-oriented polypropylene (BOPP), polyester (PET), polyethylene (PE), nylon, or any film suitable for printing, or to an exterior ply of paper; printed; displaying, containing, or comprising three or more visible colors (e.g., laminated woven sacks printed with three different shades of blue would be covered by the scope), not including the color of the woven fabric; regardless of the type of printing process used; with or without lining; with or without handles; with or without special closing features (including, but not limited to, closures that are sewn, glued, easy-open (e.g., tape or thread), re- closable (e.g., slider, hook and loop, zipper), hot-welded, adhesive-welded, or press- to-close; whether finished or unfinished (e.g., whether or not closed on one end and whether or not in roll form, including, but not limited to, sheets, lay-flat, or formed in tubes); not exceeding one kilogram in actual weight. Laminated woven sacks produced in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam are subject to the scope regardless of the country of origin of the fabric used to make the sack.

The scope of these investigations excludes laminated woven sacks having each of the following physical characteristics: (1) no side greater than 24 inches, (2) weight less than 100 grams, (3) an open top that is neither sealable nor closable, the rim of which is hemmed or sewn around the entire circumference, (4) carry handles sewn on the open end, (5) side gussets, and (6) either a bottom gusset or a square or rectangular bottom. The excluded items with the above-mentioned physical characteristics may be referred to as reusable shopping bags.

Subject laminated woven sacks are currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 6305.33.0040 and 6305.33.0080. If entered with plastic coating on both sides of the fabric consisting of woven polypropylene strip and/or woven polyethylene strip, laminated woven sacks may be classifiable under HTSUS subheadings 3923.21.0080, 3923.21.0095, and 3923.29.0000. If entered not closed on one end or in roll form (including, but not limited to, sheets, lay-flat tubing, and sleeves), laminated woven sacks may be classifiable under other HTSUS subheadings, including 3917.39.0050, 3921.90.1100, 3921.90.1500, and 5903.90.2500. If the polypropylene strips and/or polyethylene strips making up the fabric measure more than 5 millimeters in width, laminated woven sacks may be classifiable under other HTSUS subheadings including 4601.99.0500, 4601.99.9000, and 4602.90.0000. Although HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs ppurposes, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

<u>Quad seal bags</u> are laminated non-woven bags, consisting of a flexible plastic inner layer, laminated to a reverse printed BOPP or polyester outer layer, with or without a metallized layer, and with four hermetically heat-sealed vertical edges.

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.

<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 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.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Moses Song (202-205-3176, moses.song@usitc.gov).

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-		If yes, please	n or any related firm produce, have the capability to producated woven sacks in the United States or other countries? name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. ensure that they complete the Commission's producer .:

I-4.	Related U.S. importersDoes your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import
	laminated woven sacks into the United States?

No	If yes, please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire:

I-5. <u>U.S. importers</u>.--Please provide the names, contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's laminated woven sacks in 2017.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Share of your firm's 2017 U.S. exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Moses Song (202-205-3176, moses.song@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-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 submitte in part II.				
	Name				
	Title				
	Email				
	Telephone				
	Fax				

II-2a. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of laminated woven sacks since January 1, 2015.

(che	ck 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-2b.	Anticipated changes in operationsDoes your firm anticipate any changes in the character of
	its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of laminated woven
	sacks in the future?

No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions.

II-3. <u>Units of quantity.</u>--Does your firm record quantities of laminated woven sacks by individual sacks or by a weight measurement?

Individual Sacks	NACCHICAMANT	If records are by weight, please report quantity data in this questionnaire using the following conversion factor:
		One short ton (907 kilograms) = 8,000 sacks

For example	Example data
If your records are in kilograms	15,000
You will first convert those data into sacks (i.e., kilograms / 907 * 8,000)	132,304
Then to report those quantities in the questionnaire you will divide the actual number of sacks by 1,000 (i.e., so that quantities are in 1,000 sacks)	122
quantities are in 1,000 sacks)	137

II-4a. **Production using same machinery**.-- Please report your firm's production of products using the same equipment, machinery, or employees as used to produce laminated woven sacks, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment, machinery, or employees 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 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).

Note.--If your firm does not produce any out-of-scope merchandise on the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise then the "overall production capacity" numbers reported in this question should be exactly equal to the "average production capacity" numbers reported in question II-9. If, however, your firm does produce out-of-scope merchandise using the same machinery and equipment as scope mercandhise, then the "average production capacity" reported in question II-9 should exclude the portion of "overall production capacity" that was used to produce this out-of-scope merchandise.

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

Quantity (in 1,000 sacks)						
	C	alendar year	January-September			
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	
Overall production capacity						
Production of: Laminated woven sacks ¹	0	0	0	0	0	
Other products ²						
Total	0	0	0	0	0	

¹ Data entered for production of laminated woven sacks will populate here once reported in question II-9.

² Please identify these products: .

	lours per v	veek	Weeks p	oer year	
		_	cribe the metho plain any change		to calculate overall production d capacity.
	on constra		escribe the con	straint(s) tha	t set the limit(s) on your firm's
Product s	hifting.—				
(i). Is	your firm		n production (ca equipment and/		een laminated woven sacks and
No	Yes		-	-	cts or are able to produce othe potential products:
	•	ribe the factor	rs that affect vo	ur firm's abili ve price chan	ity to shift production capacity

II-5.	<u>Share of sales</u> What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of laminated woven sacks? percent.								
II-6.	<u>Firm's estimated share of production in Vietnam.</u> Please estimate the percentage of total production of laminated woven sacks in Vietnam accounted for by your firm's production in 2017 percent.								
II-7.	<u>Firm's estimated share of country's exports.</u> Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of laminated woven sacks from Vietnam accounted for by your firm's exports to the United States in 2017 percent.								
II-8. Third country trade actionsIs the laminated woven sacks exported by your firm subject antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?									
	No Yes If yesList the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.								

II-9. <u>Trade data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of laminated woven sacks in your establishment(s) in Vietnam during the specified periods. Do not include resales of laminated woven sacks that your firm did not produce in this question; those data to the degree they are exported to the United States should only be reported in question II-10.

<u>Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country.</u> 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 Vietnam, including production consumed internally within your firm.

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

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

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

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outstide of the country indicacted on page 1 (Vietnam), 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-9. **Trade data.**--Continued.

	Qua	ntity (<i>in 1,0</i>	000 sacks)				
		Actı	ıal experiei	nce		Projections ¹	
	Ca	Calendar year			eptember	Calendar year	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
Average production capacity ² (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories (B)							
Production (C)							
Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets ³ (G)							
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
End-of-period inventories (J)							
¹ Please explain the basis for your f ² The production capacity reported describe the methodology used to calc ³ Identify principal other export ma	is based on c culate produc	perating tion capacit	hours				

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY</u>.--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.

		Act	ual experie	ence		Projections	
	Calendar year			January-September		Calendar year	
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019
B + C - D - E - F - G - J = should equal							
zero ("0") or provide an explanation.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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

II-10. <u>Exports to the United States not produced by your firm</u>.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of laminated woven sacks that were produced in Vietnam but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should <u>not</u> be included in question II-9.

Quantity (in 1,000 sacks)								
		Act	Projections					
	Calendar year January-September					Calendar year		
Item	2015	2016	2017	2017	2018	2018	2019	
Exports of laminated woven sacks to the United States not produced by your firm ¹ (K)								
¹ List the producer(s)								

II-11a. <u>Cost differences</u>.--Are there noticeable cost differences in the production of laminated woven sacks based on the following product characteristics?

Item	No	Yes	If yesPlease describe.
Closure type			
Use of primer/ink			
Printing method/technology			
Other cost differences			

II-11b. <u>Production printing capabilities.</u>--Please indicate the printing method/technology your firm used in the production of laminated woven sacks by share of production in 2017.

Item	Share of 2017 production (percent)
Flexographic	%
Rotogravure	%
Total (Should sum to 100.0 percent)	0 %

II-11c. Production change	over.—
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(i) What is your firm's average run time for an order of laminated woven sacks based on customer type?

Customer type	Average run time (in hours)	Average order size (in 1,000 sacks)
Animal feed		
Pet food		
Other end uses		

(ii) Please describe how long it takes to change over production between orders, as well as the steps involved.

Average change over time	
(in hours)	Steps

(ill)	What factors most			

Factors		

II-12.	Other explanationsIf 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.

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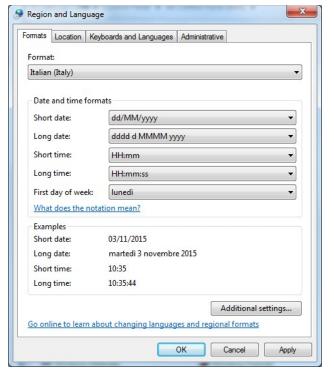
Correcting Valid number error messages. -- If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer's number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g. "Italian (Italy)") to "English (United States)" (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number "twelve million dollars and thirty five cents" would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the USITC foreign producer questionnaire form. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.





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/title_7/2018/laminated_woven_sacks_vietnam/final.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: SACK

• E-mail.—E-mail your questionnaire to moses.song@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.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—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.