## LOST SALES AND LOST REVENUE SURVEY

## QUARTZ SURFACE PRODUCTS FROM CHINA

#### This survey must be received by the Commission by <u>May 1, 2018</u> See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this survey is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping and countervailing duty investigations concerning quartz surface products from China (inv. Nos. 701-TA-606 and 731-TA-1416 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the survey 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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this survey can be obtained from Jon Ruder (202-205-3435, jonathan.ruder@usitc.gov).

Name of f	irm		
Address			
City	State Zip Code		
Website _			
	m purchased quartz surface products (as defined on next page) at any time since January 1, 2015?		
	(Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the survey to the Commission)		
YES	(Complete all parts of the survey, and return the entire survey to the Commission)		
•	estionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the link: <u>https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</u> . (PIN: QUARTZ)		

#### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in this survey 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 submitting this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this survey and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this investigation or other proceeding may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Commission, its employees and Offices, and contract personnel (a) for developing or maintaining the records of this or a related proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, reviews, and evaluations relating to the programs, personnel, and operations of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. government employees and contract personnel, solely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all contract personnel will sign appropriate nondisclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date	
Signature	Phone	Email address	

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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on April 17 2018, by Cambria Company LLC, Eden Prairie, Minnesota. Countervailing and antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. U.S. producers of quartz surface products have provided the USITC with allegations about sales or revenue that they have lost due to competition from imports of quartz surface products from China. One or more domestic producer(s) have named your firm in such an allegation.

**Quartz surface products** covered by the investigations are products consisting of slabs and other surfaces created from a mixture of materials that includes predominately silica (e.g., quartz, quartz powder, cristobalite) as well as a resin binder (e.g., an unsaturated polyester). The incorporation of other materials, including but not limited to pigments, cement or other additives, does not remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigations. Quartz surface products are typically sold as slabs with a total surface area of approximately 45 to 60 square feet and a nominal thickness of 1 centimeter, 2 centimeters, or 3 centimeters. However, the scope of these investigations includes products of all sizes, thicknesses, and shapes. Quartz surface products are covered by the investigations whether polished or unpolished, cut or uncut, fabricated or not fabricated, cured or uncured, edged or not edged, finished or unfinished, thermoformed or not thermoformed, further processed or not further processed, packaged or unpackaged, and regardless of the type of surface finish.

In addition, quartz surface products are covered by the investigations whether or not they are imported attached to or in conjunction with non-subject merchandise such as sinks, sink bowls, vanities, cabinets, and furniture. If quartz surface products are imported attached to or in conjunction with such non-subject merchandise, only the quartz surface product is covered by the scope.

Excluded from the scope of the investigations are quarried stone slabs such as granite, marble, soapstone, or quartzite.

Subject merchandise includes material matching the above description that has been finished, packaged, or otherwise fabricated or further processed in a third country, including by cutting, polishing, curing, edging, thermoforming, attaching to or packaging with another product, or any other finishing, packaging, fabrication, or further processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the quartz surface products.

The products subject to the scope are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") under subheading 6810.99.00 and are reported under statistical reporting number 6810.99.0010. Goods of a type described in Commerce's scope may also be imported under subheadings 6802.91 or 6802.93 or statistical reporting numbers 6810.11.0010, 6810.11.0070, 6810.19.1200, 6810.19.1400, 6810.19.5000, 6810.91.0000, 6810.99.0010, 6810.99.0080, 6815.91.0070, 2506.10.0010, 2506.10.0050, 2506.20.0010, 2506.20.0080, 2515.11.0000, 2515.12.1000, 2515.12.2000, 2516.11.0000, 2516.20.1000, 2517.41.0000, and 2529.10.0000. The HTSUS subheadings and statistical reporting numbers set forth above are provided for convenience and administrative purposes only. The written description of the scope is dispositive.

**<u>Reporting of information</u>**.--If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates.

**Confidentiality**.--The data furnished in response to this survey 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>Release of information</u>**.--The information provided by your firm in response to this survey, 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. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

<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 this survey. This may or may not be the person whose signature is at the bottom of page 1.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.

#### **PURCHASE INFORMATION**

II-1. **Purchases and imports.--**Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of quartz surface products.

*"Purchase"* – Purchase <u>from a U.S. entity</u> such as a U.S. producer, a U.S. importer, or other U.S. firm.

*"Import"* – Purchase directly from a foreign supplier and your firm is the importer of record.

	2015	2016	2017
Item	C	Quantity (square fee	et)
Purchases of quartz surface products produced in— United States			
China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of quartz surface products from— China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Total imports	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:			

2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns</u>.--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of quartz surface products from different sources have changed since January 1, 2015.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
China						
All other countries						
Sources unknown						

3. <u>Major purchasing factors</u>.--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase quartz surface products.

1.	
2.	
3.	
Please li	st any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

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#### 4. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.-

(a) Since January 2015, did your firm purchase imports of quartz surface products from China instead of U.S.-produced quartz surface products?

	Yes	Νο
Source	(also respond to parts (b) and (c))	(If "No", skip to next question)
China		

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Source	Yes	No
China		

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2015 (in square feet)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product
China				

#### 5. U.S. producers and import competition.—

(a) Since January 1, 2015, in connection with a sale or offer to sell quartz surface products to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced quartz surface products in order to compete with lower-priced imports of quartz surface products from China?

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No", skip to next question)	Don't know
China			

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to the above question, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Source	Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
China	%	

- 6. <u>Method of purchase</u>--Please provide a general description of your firm's method(s) of purchase (e.g., individual purchase, contract, bids, Internet purchases, etc.) for quartz surface products.
- 7. <u>Other explanations</u>--Please provide any additional comments in this box.

#### **OMB INFORMATION**

8. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this survey.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this survey 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 survey is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the survey.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this survey. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

# HOW TO FILE YOUR SURVEY RESPONSE

#### Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the survey document.

Please submit the completed survey using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word survey 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 survey along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

- o Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/
- *Enter Investigation*: Select "Quartz surface products from China" in the drop down menu
- Pin: QUARTZ

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word survey to jonathan.ruder@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>did not</u> purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.