### **U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

#### MATTRESSES FROM CHINA

#### This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by July 19, 2019 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 antidumping investigations concerning mattresses from China (Inv. No. 731-TA-1424 (Final)). 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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Andrew Knipe (202-205-2390, andrew.knipe@usitc.gov).

Name of f	irm
Address	
City	State Zip Code
Website _	
	rm purchased <u>mattresses</u> (as defined on next page) or <u>air-adjusted foam mattress</u> (as defined on page <u>/</u> source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2016?
	(Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
YES	(Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire 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: MATT)

#### CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By submitting this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that information submitted in response to this request for information and throughout this proceeding or other proceedings 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

#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on September 18, 2018, by Corsicana Mattress Company (Dallas, TX), Elite Comfort Solutions (Newnan, GA), Future Foam Inc. (Council Bluffs, IA), FXI, Inc. (Media, PA), Innocor, Inc. (Red Bank, NJ), Kolcraft Enterprises Inc. (Chicago, IL), Leggett & Platt, Incorporated (Carthage, MO), Serta Simmons Bedding, LLC (Atlanta, GA), and Tempur Sealy International, Inc. (Lexington, KY). 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/701731/2018/mattresses\_china/final.htm.

**Mattresses.--** The scope of this investigation covers all types of youth and adult mattresses. The term "mattress" denotes an assembly of materials that at a minimum includes a "core," which provides the main support system of the mattress, and may consist of innersprings, foam, other resilient filling, or a combination of these materials. Mattresses may also contain (1) "upholstery," the material between the core and the top panel of the ticking on a single-sided mattress, or between the core and the top and bottom panel of the ticking on a double-sided mattress; and/or (2) "ticking," the outermost layer of fabric or other material (e.g., vinyl) that encloses the core and any upholstery, also known as a cover.

The scope of this investigation is restricted to only "adult mattresses" and "youth mattresses." "Adult mattresses" have a width exceeding 35 inches, a length exceeding 72 inches, and a depth exceeding 3 inches on a nominal basis. Such mattresses are frequently described as "twin," "extra-long twin," "full," "queen," "king," or "California king" mattresses. "Youth mattresses" have a width exceeding 27 inches, a length exceeding 51 inches, and a depth exceeding 1 inch (crib mattresses have a depth of 6 inches or less from edge to edge) on a nominal basis. Such mattresses are typically described as "crib," "toddler," or "youth" mattresses. All adult and youth mattresses are included regardless of actual size description.

The scope encompasses all types of "innerspring mattresses," "non-innerspring mattresses," and "hybrid mattresses." "Innerspring mattresses" contain innersprings, a series of metal springs joined together in sizes that correspond to the dimensions of mattresses. Mattresses that contain innersprings are referred to as "innerspring mattresses" or "hybrid mattresses." "Hybrid mattresses" contain two or more support systems as the core, such as layers of both memory foam and innerspring units.

"Non-innerspring mattresses" are those that do not contain any innerspring units. They are generally produced from foams (e.g., polyurethane, memory (viscoelastic), latex foam, gelinfused viscoelastic (gel foam), thermobonded polyester, polyethylene) or other resilient filling.

Mattresses covered by the scope of this investigation may be imported independently, as part of furniture or furniture mechanisms (e.g., convertible sofa bed mattresses, sofa bed mattresses imported with sofa bed mechanisms, corner group mattresses, day-bed mattresses, roll-away bed mattresses, high risers, trundle bed mattresses, crib mattresses), or as part of a set in combination with a "mattress foundation." "Mattress foundations" are any base or support for a mattress. Mattress foundations are commonly referred to as "foundations," "boxsprings," "platforms," and/or "bases." Bases can be static, foldable, or adjustable. Only the mattress is covered by the scope if imported as part of furniture, with furniture mechanisms, or as part of a set in combination with a mattress foundation.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are "futon" mattresses. A "futon" is a bi-fold frame made of wood, metal, or plastic material, or any combination thereof, that functions as both seating furniture (such as a couch, love seat, or sofa) and a bed. A "futon mattress" is a tufted mattress, where the top covering is secured to the bottom with thread that goes completely through the mattress from the top through to the bottom, and it does not contain innersprings or foam. A futon mattress is both the bed and seating surface for the futon.

Also excluded from the scope are airbeds (including inflatable mattresses) and waterbeds, which consist of air- or liquid-filled bladders as the core or main support system of the mattress.

Further, also excluded from the scope of this investigation are any products covered by the existing antidumping duty order on uncovered innerspring units. See Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order, 74 FR 7661 (February 19, 2009).

Additionally, also excluded from the scope of this investigation are "mattress toppers." A "mattress topper" is a removable bedding accessory that supplements a mattress by providing an additional layer that is placed on top of a mattress. Excluded mattress toppers have a height of four inches or less.

The products subject to this investigation are currently properly classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule for the United States (HTSUS) subheadings: 9404.21.0010, 9404.21.0013, 9404.29.1005, 9404.29.1013, 9404.29.9085, and 9404.29.9087. Products subject to this investigation may also enter under HTSUS subheadings: 9404.21.0095, 9404.29.1095, 9404.29.9095, 9401.40.0000, and 9401.90.5081. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to this investigation is dispositive.

**Mattress innersprings** are a series of metal springs joined together in sizes that correspond to the dimensions of finished mattresses. Innersprings may be comprised of wrapped coils or open/non-wrapped coils. Wrapped innerspring coils consist of coils that are individually encased in a nonwoven or woven material in rows, which rows are then bound together to form an innerspring. Open/non-wrapped coils are generally joined together by helical wire. For purposes of these investigations, mattresses that contain innersprings are referred to as "innerspring mattresses" or "hybrid mattresses."

<u>"Non-innerspring mattresses</u>" are mattresses that do not contain any innerspring units. They are generally produced from foams (e.g., polyurethane, memory (viscoelastic), latex foam, gelinfused viscoelastic (gel foam), thermobonded polyester, polyethylene, or other resilient filling.

<u>"Hybrid mattresses"</u> contain two or more support systems as the core, such as layers of both memory foam and innerspring units.

<u>"Mattress-in-a-box" ("MiBs")</u> are mattresses of any size, with or without innersprings, that are rolled and compressed, whether or not further packaged in plastic or other packaging material for delivery in the compressed state to the ultimate consumer purchaser. These mattresses may be referred to by a variety of names, including "mattresses in a box", "MiBs" or "bed in a box".

<u>"Adult mattresses"</u> have a width exceeding 35 inches, a length exceed 72 inches, and a depth exceeding 3 inches. Such mattresses are frequently described as "twin," "extra-long twin," "full," "queen," "king," or "California king" mattresses.

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<u>"Mattress toppers"</u> is a removable bedding accessory that supplements a mattress by providing an additional layer that is placed on top of a mattress. Such mattress toppers have a height of four inches or less.

<u>"Air-adjustable foam mattresses</u>" are mattresses where air or liquid filled bladders are the core or main support system of the mattress.

**Purchaser**.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing mattresses from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes mattresses.

<u>**Reporting of information.</u></u>--If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.</u>** 

<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.

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

**<u>Release of information</u>**.--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. In addition, if your firm is a U.S. producer, the information you provide on your production and imports of mattresses and your responses to the questions in Part I of the producer questionnaire will be provided to the U.S. Department of Commerce, upon its request, for use in connection with (and only in connection with) its requirement pursuant to section 702(c)(4)/732(c)(4) of the Act (19 U.S.C. § 1671a(c)(4)/1673a(c)(4)) to make a determination concerning the extent of industry support for the petition requesting this proceeding. Any information provided to Commerce will be transmitted under the confidentiality and release guidelines set forth above. Your response to these questions constitutes your consent that such information be provided to Commerce under the conditions described above.

I-1. <u>Establishments covered</u>.--Provide the name and address of your U.S. establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire, if different from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single response.

"<u>Establishment</u>"--Each facility of a firm involved in the <u>purchase</u> of mattresses, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

#### I-2. **Ownership.--**Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

	No

Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

# I-3. **<u>Related importers/exporters.</u>**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which import mattresses into the United States or which export mattresses to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Country	Affiliation

### I-4. **<u>Related producers</u>.--**Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce mattresses?

No Yes--List the following information.

Country	Affiliation
	Country

#### PART II.--PURCHASES

<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 questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

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

*"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.

	2016	2017	2018
Item	Quantity (in mattresses)		
Purchases of mattresses produced in— United States			
China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of mattresses from— China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Total imports <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0
			1

<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:

<sup>2</sup> If your firm imported mattresses at any time since January 1, 2016, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

II-2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.--**Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of

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

II-3. <u>**Country knowledge.--**</u>Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the mattresses market.

United States	China	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

II-4. **Supplier identification.-**-Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for mattresses since January 1, 2016. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of mattresses that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2018.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2018 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

#### PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. **<u>Firm type</u>.-**-Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of mattresses (check all that apply)?

End user (Hotel or other hospitality)	End user (Institution)	End user (Other)	Retailer (brick and mortar)	Retailer (online)	Distributor	Other	(Describe)

*If your firm is a distributor of mattresses, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.* 

III-2. <u>Competition for sales</u>.--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases mattresses?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3. **Types of customers.--**What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells mattresses?

*If your firm is an end user of mattresses that produces downstream products incorporating mattress, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.* 

III-4. <u>End uses</u>.--List the top 3 products your firm makes using mattresses and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by mattresses and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in e firm produces	<b>Total</b> (should			
Product(s) your firm produces	Mattresses		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	П	0.0 %

#### III-5. Demand for end-use products.--

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating mattresses changed since January 1, 2016?

Increased	No change	No change Decreased	

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for mattresses?

No	Yes	Explain

III-6. **Substitutes.--**Can other products (i.e. out-of-scope products such as futons, air mattresses, and water beds) be substituted for mattresses?

🗌 No

Yes--Please fill out the table.

		End-use product or application in which this substitute is used		Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for mattresses?			
	Substitute			Yes	Explanation		
1.							
2.							
3.							

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#### III-7. Demand trends.--

Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for innerspring, non-innerspring (i.e., foam), hybrid, MiB, and flat shipped non-MiB mattresses have changed since January 1, 2016. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors				
	Current demand								
Within the United States									
Innerspring									
Non-innerspring									
Hybrid									
Rolled and compressed MiBs									
Flat shipped non-MiB (i.e., compressed for shipment but not rolled) mattresses									
Flat shipped, not compressed, non-MiB mattresses									
Other (describe: )									
Outside the United State	es								
Innerspring									
Non-innerspring									
Hybrid									
Rolled and compressed MiBs									
Flat shipped non-MiB (i.e., compressed for shipment but not rolled) mattresses									
Flat shipped, not compressed, non-MiB mattresses									
Other (describe: )									

#### III-7. Demand trends.--Continued

(b) Please also indicate how you anticipate demand will change during the remainder of 2019 and 2020 for the various mattress types listed in part (a). Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that will affect these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors			
		_		hand during 2019				
Within the United States								
Innerspring								
Non-innerspring								
Hybrid								
Rolled and compressed MiBs								
Flat shipped non-MiB (i.e., compressed for shipment but not rolled) mattresses								
Flat shipped, not compressed, non-MiB mattresses								
Other (describe: )								
Outside the United State	es							
Innerspring								
Non-innerspring								
Hybrid								
Rolled and compressed MiBs								
Flat shipped non-MiB (i.e., compressed for shipment but not rolled) mattresses								
Flat shipped, not compressed, non-MiB mattresses								
Other (describe: )								

III-8. **Product and marketing changes.--**Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of mattresses since January 1, 2016 (*please respond for each item*)?

	No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
MiBs (i.e., "bed(s) in a box," "mattress(es) in a box," and/or "compressed mattress(es).")			
Other direct-to-consumer internet sales			
Branding			
Private label programs			
Floor slots at brick and mortar retailers			
Location of products in consumer search results on e-commerce sites			
Other			

III-9. Floor space allocation and e-commerce placement changes.--Has your firm's allocation of floor space for mattresses and/or your firm's e-commerce placement (i.e., prominence or ranking on websites) of mattresses changed since January 1, 2016 with respect to mattresses from the United States, China, other countries, and overall?

	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Not applicable	Explanation and factors		
Floor space allocat	Floor space allocation							
United States								
China								
Other countries <sup>1</sup>								
Overall								
E-commerce place	ment							
United States								
China								
Other countries <sup>1</sup>								
Overall								
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these other countries:								

- III-10. <u>Marketing practices by brick and mortar retailers</u>.--If your firms sells mattresses through brick and mortar retail establishments, please explain the factors that determine the selection of mattresses that are displayed on the floor of your establishments and their location on the sales floors of such establishments (e.g., sales velocity, quality, reviews, supplier relationships, profit margins, etc.), as well as the relative importance of each factor.
- III-11. <u>Marketing practices by internet retailers</u>.--If your firm sells mattresses over an e-commerce website, please explain the factors that determine the rankings of mattresses yielded by consumer search results on the website (e.g., sales velocity, quality, delivery time, customer reviews, price, etc.) and the relative importance of each factor to the search results.
- III-12. <u>Country preferences</u>.--Do you or your customers ever specifically order mattresses from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

No	If yes, identify the countries and explain which factors influence your or your customers' decisions to do so.

III-13. <u>Importance of purchasing domestic product</u>.--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of mattresses that required mattresses produced in the United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2018 purchases of mattresses
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
<b>Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product</b> (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain: )	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

#### III-14. Conditions of competition.--

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

Check all that apply.		Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-15.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for mattresses since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

(c) Please describe the impact, if any, of Mattress Firm's difficulties and bankruptcy on your firm's mattress business and/or the U.S. mattress market as a whole. In your response, identify the magnitude and timing of any effects, and compare your firm's operations and the overall U.S. mattress market before and after Mattress Firm's bankruptcy.

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-15. <u>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin</u>.--How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving mattresses based on its producer or country of origin?

ltem	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.		
Decision based on producer							
Your firm							
Your customers							
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin		
Your firm							
Your customers							

III-16. **Availability of supply.--**Has the availability of mattresses in the U.S. market from the following sources changed since January 1, 2016?

Courses	Nia	Vee	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the
Source	No	Yes	changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Imports from China			
Imports from other (nonsubject) countries			

III-17. Supply constraints.--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with mattresses since January 1, 2016 (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

### III-18. <u>Availability of specific product types</u>.--Are certain types, sizes, or features only available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the type, size, or product feature.

#### III-19. Purchasing frequency.--

(a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of mattresses (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

(b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

#### III-20. Raw material prices.--

(a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of mattresses?

<b>No</b> –	<b>Yes</b> –
(skip to question III-21)	please answer (b)

(b) Has information regarding the prices of raw materials used to manufacture mattresses affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to purchase mattresses since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	Explain

- III-21. <u>Number of suppliers contacted</u>.--How many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ firms
- III-22. **Supplier negotiations.--**Do your firm's purchases of mattresses usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

No	Yes	If yes, explain the factors your firm generally negotiates and note whether your firm quotes competing prices during negotiations.

#### III-23. Change in suppliers.—

(a) Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.

(b) If you did not change suppliers since January 1, 2016, are you prevented either for legal or practical considerations from doing so?

No	Yes	If yes, please elaborate.

III-24. <u>New suppliers</u>.--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.

III-25. <u>Contract versus spot</u>.--Approximately what share of your firm's purchases of U.S.-produced mattresses and/or mattresses imported from China in 2018 was on a (1) short-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) long-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale						
Country	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)	<b>Spot sales</b> (for a single delivery)	<b>Total</b> (should s to 100.0	um	
United States	%	%	%	%	0.0	%	
China	%	%	%	%	0.0		

III-26. <u>Contract provisions</u>.--Please fill out the table below regarding your firm's typical contracts for purchases of U.S.-produced mattresses and/or mattresses imported from China (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not purchase on a short-term, annual and/or long-term contract basis from the applicable country).

		Short-term contracts	Annual contracts	Long-term contracts	
Typical sales	Item	(multiple deliveries	(multiple	(multiple deliveries	
contract provisions		for less than 12	deliveries for 12	for more than 12	
		months)	months)	months)	
		U.S. produced matt	U.S. produced mattresses		
Average contract	No. of		205		
duration	days		365		
Price renegotiation	Yes				
(during contract period)	No				
<b></b>	Quantity				
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price				
	Both				
Indexed to raw	Yes				
material costs <sup>1</sup>	No				
Not applicab	le				
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the indexes used:					
		Mattresses produced	in China	-	
Average contract duration	No. of days		365		
Price renegotiation	Yes				
(during contract period)	No				
	Quantity				
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price				
	Both				
Indexed to raw	Yes				
material costs <sup>2</sup>	No				
Not applicab	le				
<sup>2</sup> Please identify the in	idexes used:				

III-27. **Supplier qualification.--**Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell mattresses to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, indentation-force deflection, federal height requirements, CPSC flame requirements, environmental certifications, etc.).

No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors

III-28. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2016, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their mattresses with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-29. <u>Major purchasing factors</u>.--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase mattresses (examples include availability, delivery type, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

1.				
2.				
3.				

Please list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

III-30. <u>Purchasing factors</u>.--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for mattresses.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability, overall			
Availability of different sizes			
Consumer in-home trials			
Consumer in-store trials			
Consumer online ratings			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Direct-to-consumer delivery			
Discounts offered			
Foam density			
Foam type			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Online sales			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Spring quantity			
Spring type			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

- III-31. <u>Quality characteristics</u>.--What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of mattresses?
- III-32. <u>Minimum quality</u>.--How often do mattresses from the following countries meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
China					
Other:					

III-33. **Frequency of decisions based on price.--**How often does your firm purchase the mattresses that are offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-34. **Price leaders.**--A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. *A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplier*.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the mattresses market since January 1, 2016.

Firm(s)	Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership

#### III-35. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.--

(a) Since January 1, 2016, did your firm purchase imports of mattresses from China instead of U.S.-produced mattresses?

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

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

Yes	No

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

Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports from China purchased instead of domestic product since January 1, 2016 (in number of mattresses)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports from China instead of domestic product

#### III-36. U.S. producers and import competition.--

(a) Since January 1, 2016, in connection with a sale or offer to sell mattresses to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced mattresses in order to compete with lower-priced imports of mattresses from China?

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

(b) If your firm responded "yes", 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.

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

- III-37. <u>Impact of the section 301 investigation</u>.--This question concerns the section 301 investigation and tariffs on mattresses.
  - (a) Did the announcement in March 2018 and subsequent imposition of tariffs on mattresses imported from China pursuant to the section 301 investigation concerning China impact your firm's mattress business and/or the U.S. mattress market as a whole?

Yes—Please fill out table below and answer part (b)	No	Don't know

Item	Response	
Impact on your firm <sup>1</sup>		
Impact on overall U.S. market <sup>1</sup>		
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the magnitude and timing of any effects, and compare your firm's operations/overall market before and after the announcement of the section 301 measures.		

(b) <u>Assessment of specific impacts of the section 301 investigation</u>.--Please indicate the impact of the announcement and subsequent imposition of tariffs on mattresses imported from China pursuant to the section 301 investigation concerning China.

		No		Fluctuate with no clear	
Item	Increase	change	Decrease	trend	Explanation and factors
Overall demand for mattresses in the U.S. market					
Supply of mattresses in the U.S. market					
Prices for mattresses in the U.S. market					
Raw material costs for mattresses in the U.S. market					

#### PART IV.—<u>PRODUCT COMPARISONS</u>

IV-1. **Interchangeability.--**Are mattresses 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	China	Other countries
United States		
China		
, , , , , , ,	mattresses which is <i>sometimes</i> and explain the factors that lim	0

IV-2. Factors other than price.--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between mattresses produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases 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	China	Other countries	
United States			
China			
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of mattresses, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:			

IV-3. <u>Factor country comparisons</u>.--For the factors listed below, please rate how mattresses produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with mattresses produced in each of the other countries you identified.

## *If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.*

	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>		
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability, overall			
Availability of different sizes			
Consumer in-home trials			
Consumer in-store trials			
Consumer online ratings			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Direct-to-consumer delivery			
Discounts offered			
Foam density			
Foam type			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Online sales			
Packaging			
Payment terms			
Price <sup>1</sup>			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Spring quantity			
Spring type			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>			
<sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.	indicates that the fi	rst country genera	ally has lower

### IV-3. Factor country comparisons.--Continued

#### Product from Product from **United States** China compared to compared to product from product from **Nonsubject countries** Nonsubject countries Comparable Comparable Superior Superior Inferior Inferior Factor Availability, overall Availability of different sizes $\square$ $\square$ Consumer in-home trials $\square$ $\square$ Consumer in-store trials $\square$ $\square$ Consumer online ratings Delivery terms $\square$ Delivery time $\square$ $\square$ Direct-to-consumer delivery **Discounts offered** $\square$ $\square$ Foam density Foam type $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ Minimum quantity requirements Online sales $\square$ $\square$ Packaging Payment terms Price<sup>1</sup> Product consistency | | $\square$ Product range $\square$ $\square$ Quality meets industry standards Quality exceeds industry standards $\square$ $\square$ $\square$ Reliability of supply $\square$ Spring quantity Spring type Technical support/service U.S. transportation costs<sup>1</sup> <sup>1</sup> A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

### If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

#### PART V.—<u>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION</u>

- V-1. <u>Other explanations</u>.--If your firm would like to further explain a response to any question for which a narrative response box was not provided, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.
- V-2. **OMB statistics.--**Please report 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 25 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.

#### PART VI.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION

VI-1. **Comparability of mattresses and air-adjustable foam mattresses.--** For each of the following indicate whether mattresses and air-adjustable foam mattresses (as defined on page 4) are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; M: mostly comparable or similar;

- S: somewhat comparable or similar;
- N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
- 0: no familiarity with products.
- (a) **<u>Physical Characteristics and End Uses</u>.--**The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>physical characteristics and uses</i> :
Mattresses vs air-adjustable foam mattresses		

#### (b) Interchangeability.--The ability to substitute the products in the same application.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>interchangeability</u> :
Mattresses vs air-adjustable foam mattresses		

#### VI-1. Comparability of mattresses and air-adjustable foam mattresses.--Continued

- F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;
- M: mostly comparable or similar;
- S: somewhat comparable or similar;
- N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
- 0: no familiarity with products.
- (c) <u>**Channels of distribution**</u>.--Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (i.e., sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>channels of distribution</u> :
Mattresses vs air-adjustable foam mattresses		

(d) <u>Manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u>.--Whether manufactured in the same facilities, from the same inputs, on the same machinery and equipment, and using the same employees.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>manufacturing facilities, production processes, and</u> <u>production employees</u> :
Mattresses vs air-adjustable foam mattresses		

#### VI-1. Comparability of mattresses and air-adjustable foam mattresses.--Continued

- F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;
- M: mostly comparable or similar;
- S: somewhat comparable or similar;
- N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
- 0: no familiarity with products.
- (e) <u>**Customer and producer perceptions**</u>.--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities between the products (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>customer and product perceptions</u> :	
Mattresses vs air-adjustable foam mattresses			

#### (f) <u>**Price**</u>.--Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>price</i> :
Mattresses vs air-adjustable foam mattresses		

VI-2. **Purchases and imports of air-adjustable foam mattresses.--**Report your firm's purchases and imports of air-adjustable foam mattresses.

*"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 <u>from a foreign supplier</u> and your firm is the importer of record.

	2016	2017	2018
Item	Quantity (in mattresses)		
Purchases of <u>air-adjustable foam</u> <u>mattresses</u> produced in In United States			
Purchases or imports of <u>air-adjustable</u> <u>foam mattresses</u> produced in All other sources (i.e., non-US) <sup>12</sup>			
<ul> <li><sup>1</sup> Please identify these sources/countries:</li> <li><sup>2</sup> If your firm imported air-adjustable foam mattresses (i.e., served as the importer of records for its purchases) at any time since January 1, 2016, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.</li> </ul>			

#### VI-3. Purchase trends for air-adjustable foam mattresses.—

a. Has there been any shift between (if applicable) your own firm's purchases of <u>mattresses</u> and <u>air-adjustable foam mattresses</u> since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	Explain

b. Has there been any shift in customer preferences between <u>mattresses</u> and <u>air-</u> <u>adjustable foam mattresses</u> since January 1, 2016?

No	Yes	Explain

### HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at: LINK

*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: MATT

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to <u>andrew.knipe@usitc.gov</u>; 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> purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

**Parties to this proceeding**.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.