

## U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### POLYETHYLENE TEREPHTHALATE RESIN FROM BRAZIL, INDONESIA, KOREA, PAKISTAN, AND TAIWAN

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **July 10, 2018**  
*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 duty investigations concerning polyethylene terephthalate resin ("PET resin") from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and Taiwan (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1387-1391 (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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Porscha Stiger (202-205-3241, [porscha.stiger@usitc.gov](mailto:porscha.stiger@usitc.gov)).

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| <p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>Website _____</p> <p>Has your firm purchased PET resin (as defined on next page) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2015?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> (Sign the certification below and promptly return <b>only</b> this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>YES</b> (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p>Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on the following link: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a>. (PIN: <b>PETR</b>)</p> |
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#### CERTIFICATION

*I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. By 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.*

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Name of Authorized Official

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Title of Authorized Official

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Date

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Signature

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**PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**-- This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on September 26, 2017, by DAK Americas LLC, Charlotte, NC; Indorama Ventures USA, Inc., Decatur, AL; M&G Polymers USA, LLC, Houston, TX; and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation, America Lake City, SC. 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/polyethylene terephthalate pet resin brazil/final.htm](https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/polyethylene%20terephthalate%20pet%20resin%20brazil/final.htm).

**PET resin** covered by this investigation is polyethylene terephthalate (PET) resin having an intrinsic viscosity of at least 70, but not more than 88, milliliters per gram (0.70 to 0.88 deciliters per gram). The scope includes blends of virgin PET resin and recycled PET resin containing 50 percent or more virgin PET resin content by weight, provided such blends meet the intrinsic viscosity requirements above. The scope includes all PET resin meeting the above specifications regardless of additives introduced in the manufacturing process.

The scope excludes PET-glycol resin, also referred to as PETG. PET-glycol resins are manufactured by replacing a portion of the raw material input monoethylene glycol (MEG) with one of five glycol modifiers: Cyclohexanedimethanol (CHDM), diethylene glycol (DEG), neopentyl glycol (NPG), isosorbide, or spiro glycol. Specifically, excluded PET-glycol resins must contain a minimum of 10 percent, by weight, of CHDM, DEG, NPG, isosorbide or spiro glycol, or some combination of these glycol modifiers. Unlike subject PET resin, PET-glycol resins are amorphous resins that are not solid-stated and cannot be crystallized or recycled.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is properly classified under subheadings 3907.61.0000 and 3907.69.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).<sup>1</sup> Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise covered by this investigation is dispositive.

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

**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, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

**Confidentiality.**--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to January 1, 2017, PET resin was provided for in subheading 3907.60.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

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

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

I-1. **Establishments covered.**--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.**

**"Establishment"**--Each facility of a firm involved in the purchase of PET resin, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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

No       Yes--List the following information.

| <b>Firm name</b> | <b>Address</b> | <b>Extent of ownership (percent)</b> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
|                  |                |                                      |
|                  |                |                                      |

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

No       Yes--List the following information.

| <b>Firm name</b> | <b>Country</b> | <b>Affiliation</b> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
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I-4. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which produce PET resin?

No       Yes--List the following information.

| <b>Firm name</b> | <b>Country</b> | <b>Affiliation</b> |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
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**PART II.--PURCHASES**

**Contact information.**--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 separately your firm's domestic purchases and imports of PET resin. If your firm is an importer of record for Customs purposes, please also download and complete a *U.S. importers' questionnaire* in this proceeding.

**"Purchase"** – Purchase from a U.S. entity 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.

| Item  | 2015                       | 2016 | 2017 |
|---|----------------------------|------|------|
|   | Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) |      |      |
| <b>Purchases of PET resin produced in—</b><br>United States |                            |      |      |
| Brazil  |                            |      |      |
| Indonesia   |                            |      |      |
| Korea   |                            |      |      |
| Pakistan  |                            |      |      |
| Taiwan  |                            |      |      |
| All other countries <sup>1</sup>                            |                            |      |      |
| Sources unknown   |                            |      |      |
| Total purchases   | 0                          | 0    | 0    |
| <b>Imports of PET resin from—</b><br>Brazil                 |                            |      |      |
| Indonesia   |                            |      |      |
| Korea   |                            |      |      |
| Pakistan  |                            |      |      |
| Taiwan  |                            |      |      |
| All other countries <sup>1</sup>                            |                            |      |      |
| Total imports   | 0                          | 0    | 0    |
| <sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:               |                            |      |      |

II-2. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of PET resin from different sources have changed since January 1, 2015.

| Source of purchases | Did not purchase         | Decreased                | Increased                | Constant                 | Fluctuated               | Explanation for trend |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| United States       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| Brazil              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| Indonesia           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| Korea               | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| Pakistan            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| Taiwan              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| All other countries | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |
| Sources unknown     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                       |

II-3. **Country knowledge.**--Please indicate the countries of origin with which your firm has experience or information in the PET resin market.

| United States            | Brazil                   | Indonesia                | Korea                    | Pakistan                 | Taiwan                   | Other countries          | Other countries (specify) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                           |

II-4. **Supplier identification.**--Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for PET resin since January 1, 2015. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of PET resin that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2017.

| No. | Supplier's name | City and state | Share of quantity of 2017 purchases |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 2   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 3   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 4   |                 |                | %                                   |
| 5   |                 |                | %                                   |

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

III-1. **Firm type.**--Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of PET resin (check all that apply)?

| Distributor              | End user (Bottle producer) | End user (Carpet Manufacturer) | End user (Sheet, packaging, and strapping manufacturers) | Other end user           | Describe other end user |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/>       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |                         |

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

III-2. **Competition for sales.**--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases PET resin?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please describe. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |

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

*If your firm is an end user of PET resin, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.*

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

| Product(s) your firm produces | Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by |   |              |   | Total (should sum to 100.0% across) |
|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------|---|-------------------------------------|
|                               | PET resin   |   | Other inputs |   |                                     |
|                               | %   | + | %            | = | 0.0 %                               |
|                               | %   | + | %            | = | 0.0 %                               |
|                               | %   | + | %            | = | 0.0 %                               |

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

(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating PET resin changed from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016?

**2015-2016**

| Increased                | No change                | Decreased                | Fluctuated               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating PET resin changed since January 1, 2017?

**2017-forward**

| Increased                | No change                | Decreased                | Fluctuated               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

| No                       | Yes                      | Explain |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |

**III-6. Substitutes.--Can other products be substituted for PET resin?**

No       Yes--Please fill out the table.

|    | Substitute | End use in which this substitute is used | Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for PET resin? |                          |             |
|----|------------|--|--|--------------------------|-------------|
|    |            |  | No   | Yes                      | Explanation |
| 1. |            |  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |
| 2. |            |  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |
| 3. |            |  | <input type="checkbox"/>   | <input type="checkbox"/> |             |



III-7a. **Demand trends from 2015 to 2016.**--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for PET resin changed from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

### 2015-2016

| Market                                      | Overall increase         | No change                | Overall decrease         | Fluctuate with no clear trend | Explanation and factors |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Within the United States:<br>Overall demand | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |
| Bottler sector                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |
| All other sectors                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |
| Outside the United States                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |

III-7b. **Demand trends from 2017 forward.**--Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for PET resin has changed since January 1, 2017. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

### 2017-forward

| Market                                      | Overall increase         | No change                | Overall decrease         | Fluctuate with no clear trend | Explanation and factors |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Within the United States:<br>Overall demand | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |
| Bottler sector                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |
| All other sectors                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |
| Outside the United States                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>      |                         |

III-8. **Country preferences.**--Do you or your customers ever specifically order PET resin from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, identify the countries and explain. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

III-9. **Importance of purchasing domestic product.**--Please fill out the table below, estimating the percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of PET resin that required PET resin produced in the United States.

|   | Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2017 purchases of PET resin |
|---|---|
| <b>Purchases that did not require domestic product</b>  | %   |
| <b>Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product</b><br>(e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions) | %   |
| <b>Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product</b>                        | %   |
| <b>Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons</b><br>(explain: )   | %   |
| <b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)   | 0.0 %   |

(a) Has your firm ever ordered domestically produced PET resin and been supplied with imported PET resin?

| No                       | Yes                      | Don't know               | Please describe. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                  |

(b) Has your firm ever sought to purchase domestically produced PET resin and been offered imported PET resin instead?

| No                       | Yes                      | Don't know               | Please describe. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                  |

**III-10. Conditions of competition.--**

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

| <b>Check all that apply.</b>  | <b>Please describe.</b>  |
|---|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b>  | Skip to question III-11. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)</b>    |                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition</b> |                          |

- (b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for PET resin since January 1, 2015?

| <b>No</b>                | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>If yes, describe.</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |

- III-11. Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.--**How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving PET resin based on its producer or country of origin?

|  | <b>Always</b>            | <b>Usually</b>           | <b>Sometimes</b>         | <b>Never</b>             | <b>If at least sometimes, explain.</b> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Decision based on producer</b>          |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Your firm                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Your customers                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| <b>Decision based on country of origin</b> |                          |                          |                          |                          |  |
| Your firm                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Your customers                             | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

III-12. **Availability of supply.**--Has the availability of PET resin in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2015?

| <b>Availability in the U.S. market</b> | <b>No</b>                | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.</b> |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| U.S.-produced product                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Brazilian imports                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Indonesian imports                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Korean imports                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Pakistani imports                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Taiwan imports                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Imports from other countries           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

III-13. **Supply constraints.**--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with PET resin since January 1, 2015 (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.)?

| <b>No</b>                | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>If yes, please describe.</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                 |

III-14. **Availability of specific product types.**--Are certain grades/types/sizes of PET resin only available from certain country sources?

| <b>No</b>                | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

III-15. **Purchasing frequency.**--

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

| Daily                    | Weekly                   | Monthly                  | Quarterly                | Annually                 | Other                    | If other, specify |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                   |

(b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2015?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please describe. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |

III-16. **Number of suppliers contacted.**--How many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ firms

III-17. **Supplier negotiations.**--Do your firm's purchases of PET resin 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. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |  |

III-18. **Change in suppliers.**--Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2015?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

III-19. **New suppliers.**--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2015?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please identify the firms. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                                    |

III-20. **Supplier qualification.**--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell PET resin 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, etc.).

| No                       | Yes                      | Number of days | Process and factors |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |                |                     |

III-21. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2015, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their PET resin with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

| No                       | Yes                      | If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification. |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

III-22. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase PET resin (examples include availability, 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-23. **Purchasing factors.**--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for PET resin.

| <b>Factor</b>                      | <b>Very important</b>    | <b>Somewhat important</b> | <b>Not important</b>     |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Availability                       | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery by rail                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery terms                     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivery time                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Discounts offered                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Extension of credit                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Minimum quantity requirements      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Packaging                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Price                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product consistency                | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Product range                      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality meets industry standards   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Quality exceeds industry standards | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Reliability of supply              | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Technical support/service          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| U.S. transportation costs          | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/>  | <input type="checkbox"/> |

III-24. **Quality characteristics.**--What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of PET resin?

III-25. **Minimum quality.**--How often does PET resin 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Brazil        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indonesia     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Korea         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pakistan      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Taiwan        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other:        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

III-26. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the PET resin that is offered at the lowest price?

| Always                   | Usually                  | Sometimes                | Never                    |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

III-27. **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 PET resin market since January 1, 2015.

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



**III-28. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—**

(a) Since January 2015, did your firm purchase imports of PET resin from Brazil, Indonesia, Korea, Pakistan, and/or Taiwan instead of U.S.-produced PET resin? Respond for each country.

| <b>Source</b> | <b>Yes<br/>(also respond to parts (b) and (c))</b> | <b>No<br/>(If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)</b> |
|---------------|--|--|
| Brazil        | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Indonesia     | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Korea         | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Pakistan      | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| Taiwan        | <input type="checkbox"/>                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |

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

| <b>Source</b> | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |
|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Brazil        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indonesia     | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Korea         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pakistan      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Taiwan        | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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

| <b>Source</b> | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2015 (in 1,000 pounds)</b> | <b>No</b>                | <b>If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product. If the reason differs by country, indicate so in your response below.</b> |
|---------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|
| Brazil        | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Indonesia     | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Korea         | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Pakistan      | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |
| Taiwan        | <input type="checkbox"/> |  | <input type="checkbox"/> |   |

**III-29. U.S. producers and import competition. —**

(a) Since January 1, 2015, in connection with a sale or offer to sell PET resin to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced PET resin in order to compete with lower-priced imports of PET resin from the subject countries? Respond for each country.

| <b>Source</b> | <b>Yes (also respond to question part (b))</b> | <b>No (If "No" for all countries, skip to next question)</b> | <b>Don't know</b>        |
|---------------|--|--|--------------------------|
| Brazil        | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Indonesia     | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Korea         | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pakistan      | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Taiwan        | <input type="checkbox"/>                       | <input type="checkbox"/>                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> |

(b) If your firm responded "yes" to any of the above countries, 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.

| <b>Source</b> | <b>Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)</b> | <b>Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors. If the reason differs by country, indicate so in your response below.</b> |
|---------------|---|---|
| Brazil        | %   |   |
| Indonesia     | %   |   |
| Korea         | %   |   |
| Pakistan      | %   |   |
| Taiwan        | %   |   |

**PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS**

IV-1. **Interchangeability.**--Is PET resin 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 O 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

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

| <b>Country-pair</b> | Brazil | Indonesia | Korea | Pakistan | Taiwan | Canada | Mexico | Other countries |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| United States       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Brazil              |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Indonesia           |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Korea               |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Pakistan            |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Taiwan              |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Canada              |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Mexico              |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |

For any country-pair producing PET resin that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

IV-2. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, etc.) between PET resin 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 O 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

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

| Country-pair  | Brazil | Indonesia | Korea | Pakistan | Taiwan | Canada | Mexico | Other countries |
|---------------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|-----------------|
| United States |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Brazil        | X      |           |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Indonesia     | X      | X         |       |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Korea         | X      | X         | X     |          |        |        |        |                 |
| Pakistan      | X      | X         | X     | X        |        |        |        |                 |
| Taiwan        | X      | X         | X     | X        | X      |        |        |                 |
| Canada        | X      | X         | X     | X        | X      | X      |        |                 |
| Mexico        | X      | X         | X     | X        | X      | X      | X      |                 |

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

IV-3. **Factor country ratings.**-- Please rate each country's PET resin for each factor listed below. A rating of 5 indicates that PET resin produced in that country rates very well for that factor and 1 indicates that PET resin produced in that country does not rate very well for that factor.

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

| Factor   | PET resin produced in |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
|--|-----------------------|--------|-----------|-------|----------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
|  | United States         | Brazil | Indonesia | Korea | Pakistan | Taiwan | Canada | Mexico | All others |
| Availability   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Delivery by rail   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Delivery terms   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Delivery time  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Discounts offered  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Extension of credit  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Minimum quantity requirements  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Packaging  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Price <sup>1</sup>   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Product consistency  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Product range  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Quality meets industry standards   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Quality exceeds industry standards   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Reliability of supply  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| Technical support/service  |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>   |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |
| <sup>1</sup> A high rating (e.g., "5") on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates the prices/costs were low for product from that country. |                       |        |           |       |          |        |        |        |            |

**PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- V-1. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.

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- 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.

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