# LOST SALES AND LOST REVENUE SURVEY WOODEN CABINETS AND VANITIES FROM CHINA

This survey must be received by the Commission by March 20, 2019

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this survey is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning wooden cabinets and vanities from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-620 and 731-TA-1445 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the survey is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this survey can be obtained from Tana von Kessler (202-205-2389, tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov).

Name of firm \_\_\_\_\_

City	State Zip Code
Website _	
•	m purchased or imported for own use or retail sale wooden cabinets and vanities (as define at any time since January 1, 2016?
□ NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the survey to the Commission)
YES	(Complete all parts of the survey, and return the entire survey to the Commission)
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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**--This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on March 6, 2019, by the American Kitchen Cabinet Alliance. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2019/wooden\_cabinets\_and\_vanities\_china/preliminary.htm.

Wooden cabinets and vanities covered by these investigations are wooden cabinets and vanities that are designed for permanent installation (including floor mounted, wall mounted, ceiling hung or by attachment of plumbing), and wooden components thereof. Wooden cabinets and vanities and wooden components are made substantially of wood products, including solid wood and engineered wood products (including those made from wood particles, fibers, or other wooden materials such as plywood, strand board, block board, particle board, or fiberboard), or bamboo. Wooden cabinets and vanities consist of a cabinet box (which typically includes a top, bottom, sides, back, base blockers, ends/end panels, stretcher rails, toe kicks, and/or shelves) and may or may not include a frame, door, drawers and/or shelves. Subject merchandise includes wooden cabinets and vanities with or without wood veneers, wood, paper or other overlays, or laminates, with or without non-wood components or trim such as metal, marble, glass, plastic, or other resins, whether or not surface finished or unfinished, and whether or not assembled or completed.

Wooden cabinets and vanities are covered by the investigation whether or not they are imported attached to, or in conjunction with, faucets, metal plumbing, sinks and/or sink bowls, or countertops. If wooden cabinets or vanities are imported attached to, or in conjunction with, such merchandise, only the wooden cabinet or vanity is covered by the scope.

Subject merchandise includes the following wooden component parts of cabinets and vanities: (1) wooden cabinet and vanity frames (2) wooden cabinet and vanity boxes (which typically include a top, bottom, sides, back, base blockers, ends/end panels, stretcher rails, toe kicks, and/or shelves), (3) wooden cabinet or vanity doors, (4) wooden cabinet or vanity drawers and drawer components (which typically include sides, backs, bottoms, and faces), (5) back panels and end panels, (6) and desks, shelves, and tables that are attached to or incorporated in the subject merchandise.

Subject merchandise includes all unassembled, assembled and/or "ready to assemble" (RTA) wooden cabinets and vanities, also commonly known as "flat packs," except to the extent such merchandise is already covered by the scope of antidumping and countervailing duty orders on *Hardwood Plywood from the People's Republic of China*. See Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China, 83 Fed. Reg. 504 (Dep't Commerce Jan. 4, 2018) (amended final deter. of sales at less than fair value, & antidumping duty order); Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China, 83 Fed. Reg. 513 (Dep't Commerce Jan. 4, 2018) (countervailing duty order). RTA wooden cabinets and vanities are defined as cabinets or vanities packaged so that at the time of importation they may include: (1) wooden components required to assemble a cabinet or vanity (including drawer faces and doors); and (2) parts (e.g., screws, washers, dowels, nails, handles, knobs, adhesive glues) required to assemble a cabinet or vanity. RTAs may enter the United States in one or in multiple packages.

Subject merchandise also includes wooden cabinets and vanities and in-scope components that have been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to one or more of the following: trimming, cutting, notching, punching, drilling, painting, staining, finishing, assembly, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope product.

Excluded from the scope of these investigations, if entered separate from a wooden cabinet or vanity are:

- (1) Aftermarket accessory items which may be added to or installed into an interior of a cabinet and which are not considered a structural or core component of a wooden cabinet or vanity. Aftermarket accessory items may be made of wood, metal, plastic, composite material, or a combination thereof that can be inserted into a cabinet and which are utilized in the function of organization/accessibility on the interior of a cabinet; and include:
  - Inserts or dividers which are placed into drawer boxes with the purpose of organizing or dividing the internal portion of the drawer into multiple areas for the purpose of containing smaller items such as cutlery, utensils, bathroom essentials, etc.
  - Round or oblong inserts that rotate internally in a cabinet for the purpose of accessibility to foodstuffs, dishware, general supplies, etc.
- (2) Carved wooden accessories including corbels and rosettes, which serve the primary purpose of decoration and personalization.
- (3) Non-wooden cabinet hardware components including metal hinges, brackets, catches, locks, drawer slides, fasteners (nails, screws, tacks, staples), handles, and knobs.

Also excluded from the scope of these investigations are:

- (1) All products covered by the scope of the antidumping duty order on *Wooden Bedroom Furniture* from the People's Republic of China (Inv. No. A-570-890). See Wooden Bedroom Furniture From the People's Republic of China, 70 Fed. Reg. 329 (Dep't Commerce Jan 4, 2005) (notice of amended final deter. of sales at less than fair value & antidumping duty order).
- (2) All products covered by the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on Hardwood Plywood from the People's Republic of China (Inv. No. A-570-051 and Inv. No. C-570-052 See Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China, 83 Fed. Reg. 504 (Dep't Commerce Jan. 4, 2018) (amended final deter. of sales at less than fair value, & antidumping duty order) (Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China, 83 Fed. Reg. 513 (Dep't Commerce Jan. 4, 2018) (countervailing duty order).

Wooden cabinets and vanities are currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 9403.40.9060 and 9403.60.8081 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 9403.90.7080. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope of these investigations is dispositive.

<u>Full units</u> are (1) fully assembled wooden cabinets and vanities and/or (2) RTA "flat packs" of wooden cabinets and vanities containing all the necessary components for a fully assembled wooden cabinets or vanities.

<u>Components</u> are specifically the parts of cabinets and vanities such as: wooden cabinet and vanity frames; the cabinet box; wooden cabinet or vanity doors; and wooden cabinet or vanity drawer and drawer components.

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

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

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

<u>Contact information</u>.--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this survey. This may or may not be the person whose signature is at the bottom of page 1.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

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

## **PURCHASE INFORMATION**

1. <u>Purchases and imports.</u>— Report <u>separately</u> your firm's domestic purchases and imports of wooden cabinets and vanities.

"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.

	2016	2017	2018
Item		Value (in <i>\$1,000</i> )	
Purchases of wooden cabinets and vanities produced in— United States			
China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Sources unknown			
Total purchases	0	0	0
Imports of wooden cabinets and vanities from— China			
All other countries <sup>1</sup>			
Total imports <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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

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3.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend	
United States							
China							
All other countries							
Sources unknown							
Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase wooden cabinets and vanities.							
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4. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products
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(a)	Since January 2016, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of wooden cabinets
	and vanities from China instead of purchasing U.Sproduced wooden cabinets and
	vanities?

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

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

Source	Yes	No
China		

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

Source	Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 2016 (in \$1,000)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
China				

5.	U.S.	producers	and im	port com	petition.—
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(a)	Since January 1, 2016, in connection with a sale or offer to sell wooden cabinets and
	vanities to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced
	wooden cabinets and vanities in order to compete with lower-priced imports of wooden
	cabinets and vanities from the subject countries?

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

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

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

6.	Other explanations Please provide any additional comments in this box.				

#### **OMB INFORMATION**

7. **OMB statistics.--**Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this survey.

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this survey have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this survey is estimated to average 4 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the survey.

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

# **HOW TO FILE YOUR SURVEY RESPONSE**

**Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the survey document**. Please submit the completed survey using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word survey or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word survey along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: CABN

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word survey to <a href="mailto:tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov">tana.vonkessler@usitc.gov</a>; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm's nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.

**If your firm** did not purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.