FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

MATTRESSES FROM CAMBODIA, CHINA, INDONESIA, MALAYSIA, SERBIA, THAILAND, TURKEY, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>APRIL 14, 2020</u>

See last page for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty investigation concerning mattresses from China and its antidumping duty investigations concerning mattresses from Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-645 and 731-TA-1495-1501 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

Name of firm _____

| Address | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Website | | | | | | | | | | |
| Has your firm produced or ex | ported mattresses (as defined on next page) a | t any time since January 1, 2017? | | | | | | | | |
| NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission) | | | | | | | | | | |
| YES (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Data reported in this quest | ionnaire relate to (Check one): | | | | | | | | | |
| CambodiaChina | ☐Indonesia ☐Malaysia ☐Serbi | aThailandTurkeyVietnam | | | | | | | | |
| Return questionnaire via t https://dropbox.usitc.gov/ | he Commission <i>Drop Box</i> by clicking on t oinv/. (PIN: MATT) | he following link: | | | | | | | | |
| | CERTIFICATION | | | | | | | | | |
| neans of this certification I also information provided in this quest he Commission on the same or signification the undersigned, acknowledge roceeding or other proceedings or reviews, and evaluations relating pendix 3; or (ii) by U.S. govern | o grant consent for the Commission, and itionnaire and throughout this proceeding in milar merchandise. that information submitted in response to may be disclosed to and used: (i) by the Conaintaining the records of this or a related in g to the programs, personnel, and operated. | ect to audit and verification by the Commission. By its employees and contract personnel, to use the a any other import-injury proceedings conducted by this request for information and throughout this emmission, its employees and Offices, and contract proceeding, or (b) in internal investigations, audits, tions of the Commission including under 5 U.S.C. ely for cybersecurity purposes. I understand that all | | | | | | | | |
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background.</u>--This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on March 31, 2020, by Brooklyn Bedding (Phoenix, Arizona), Corsicana Mattress Company (Dallas, Texas), Elite Comfort Solutions (Newnan, Georgia), FXI, Inc. (Media, Pennsylvania), Innocor, Inc. (Media, Pennsylvania), Kolcraft Enterprises, Inc. (Chicago, Illinois), Leggett & Platt, Incorporated (Carthage, Missouri), the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (Washington, DC), and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO (Washington, DC). Antidumping and/or countervailing duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes affirmative determinations of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes affirmative determinations of dumping and/or subsidization. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2020/mattresses china cambodia indonesia malaysia/prelimi nary.htm.

<u>Mattresses</u> covered by these investigations are 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.

Mattresses covered by these investigations are restricted to only "adult mattresses" and "youth mattresses." "Adult mattresses" are frequently described as "twin," "extra-long twin," "full," "queen," "king," or "California king" mattresses. "Youth mattresses" are typically described as "crib," "toddler," or "youth" mattresses. All adult and youth mattresses are included regardless of size or size description.

Mattresses covered by these investigations encompass 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, gel infused viscoelastic (gel foam), thermobonded polyester, polyethylene) or other resilient filling.

Mattresses covered by these investigations 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 these investigations if imported as part of furniture, with furniture mechanisms, or as part of a set, in combination with a mattress foundation.

Excluded from these investigations 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 these investigations 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 these petitions are any products covered by the existing antidumping duty orders on uncovered innerspring units from China or Vietnam. See Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Antidumping Duty Order, 74 Fed. Reg. 7661 (Feb. 19, 2009); Uncovered Innerspring Units From the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 73 Fed. Reg. 75391 (Dec. 11, 2008).

Additionally, also excluded from the scope of these investigations 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.

Mattresses are currently imported under statistical reporting numbers 9404.21.0010, 9404.21.0013, 9404.29.1005, 9404.29.1013, 9404.29.9085, and 9404.29.9087 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). They may also be imported under HTS statistical reporting numbers 9404.21.0095, 9404.29.1095, 9404.29.9095, 9401.40.0000, and 9401.90.5081. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

<u>"Innerspring mattresses</u> are mattresses that contain innersprings, which 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.

<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.

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

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

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

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

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Mary Messer (202-205-3193, mary.messer@usitc.gov.

I-1. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire

| Hours | Dollars |
|-------|---------|
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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 20 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.

| <u>Establishments covered</u> Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (i.e., in the country checked on the first page of the questionnaire). | | | | |
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| Thailand auxiliary facilities Malaysia | , Turkey, o facilities o . Firms ope | each facility of a firm in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, or Vietnam involved in the production or export of mattresses, including perated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such trating more than one establishment in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, hailand, Turkey, or Vietnam should combine the data for all establishments. | | |
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| | - | Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produc o produce mattresses in the United States or other countries? | | |
| | | If yes, please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer | | |
| No | Yes | questionnaire. | | |
| No | Yes | | | |
| Related | U.S. impor | questionnaire. tersDoes your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to impore United States? | | |
| Related | U.S. impor | questionnaire. tersDoes your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to impor | | |
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| Related mattress No Stock sy I-4 are p symbol (| Yes mbol inforublicly tradincluding Acounsel | tersDoes your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to impore United States? If yes, please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire. mation If your firm or any of the entities reported in questions I-2 through led in the United States, please specify the stock exchange and trading American Depository Receipts, if applicable): If your firm or parent firm is represented by external counsel in relation to | | |

I-7. <u>U.S. importers</u>.--Please provide the names, contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the <u>FIVE</u> largest U.S. importers of your firm's mattresses in 2019.

| | Importer's name | Contact person | Email | Telephone | Share of your firm's 2019 U.S. exports (%) |
|---|-----------------|----------------|-------|-----------|--|
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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Mary Messer (202-205-3193, mary.messer@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

| II-1. | | <u>Contact information</u> Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II. | | | | |
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| | Name | | | | | |
| | Title | | | | | |
| | Email | | | | | |
| | Telephone | | | | | |

II-2a. <u>Changes in operations.</u>—Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of mattresses since January 1, 2017.

| (check as many as appropriate) | | (If checked, please describe; leave blank if not applicable) |
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| | plant openings | |
| | plant closings | |
| | relocations | |
| | expansions | |
| | acquisitions | |
| | consolidations | |
| | prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments | |
| | revised labor agreements | |
| | other (e.g., technology) | |

| II-2b. | Anticipated changes in operationsDoes your firm anticipate any changes in the character of |
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| | its operations or organization (as noted above) relating to the production of mattresses in the |
| | future? |

| No | If yes, supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions. |
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II-3a. **Production using same machinery**.--Please report your firm's production of products in the country indicated on the certification page using the same equipment, machinery, or employees as used to produce mattresses, and the combined production capacity on this shared equipment, machinery, or employees in the periods indicated.

"Overall production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup).

Note.--If your firm does not produce any out-of-scope merchandise on the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise then the "overall production capacity" numbers reported in this question should be exactly equal to the "average production capacity" numbers reported in question II-8. If, however, your firm does produce out-of-scope merchandise using the same machinery and equipment as scope merchandise, then the "average production capacity" reported in question II-8 should exclude the portion of "overall production capacity" that was used to produce this out-of-scope merchandise.

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam, including production consumed internally within your firm.

II-3a. **Production using same machinery**.--**Continued**.

| | | Quantity (number) | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| | | Calendar years | | | | |
| | Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | |
| Overall p | production capacity ¹ | | | | | |
| Producti Mattr | on of: esses ² | 0 | C |) | | |
| Out-o | f-scope products ³ | | | | | |
| | Total production using same machinery or workers | 0 | C |) (| | |
| ² Data | reported for capacity (first line) sh entered for production of mattres se identify these out-of-scope prod | ses will populate here o | ata reported for total once reported in ques | production (last line) stion II-7. | | |
| II-3b. | Operating parametersThe procoperating paramaters: Hours per week | Weeks per year | | i the following | | |
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| II-3c. | Capacity calculationPlease des capacity reported in II-3a, and ex | 0, | | erall production | | |
| II-3d. | Production constraintsPlease of production capacity. | describe the constraint(| s) that set the limit(s |) on your firm's | | |

| I-4. | <u>Product</u> | Product shifting.— | | | | | | |
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| | | | able to switch production (capacity) between mattresses and other products ime equipment and/or labor? | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | yes—(i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products) Please identify other actual or potential products. | | | | | |
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| | | between pr | ribe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production capacity oducts (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which rs enhance or constrain such shifts. | | | | | |
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| I-5. | | | at percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was sof mattresses? percent. | | | | | |
| I-6a. | Firm's e | Firm's estimated share of production in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand | | | | | | |
| | country | | Please estimate the percentage of total production of mattresses in the n the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2019. | | | | | |
| I-6b. | Firm's estimated share of country's exportsPlease estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of mattresses from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2019 percent. | | | | | | | |
| I-7. | | <u>Third country trade actions</u> Are the mattresses exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings? | | | | | | |
| | No | Yes | If yesList the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings. | | | | | |
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II-8. <u>Trade data</u>.--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of mattresses in your establishment(s) in the country specified on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam) during the specified periods. Do not include resales of mattresses that your firm did not produce in this question; those data to the degree they are exported to the United States should only be reported in question II-9.

<u>Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country.</u> If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

<u>Do not submit data on multiple countries combined</u>. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country specified on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

"Average production capacity" or "capacity" –The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in the establishment(s) using the same manufacturing equipment. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

"Production" -- All production in your establishment(s) in the country indicated on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam), including production consumed internally within your firm.

"Shipments"--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in the country indicated on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam). Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Home market commercial shipments"--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the country indicated on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam).

"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"--Shipments made to related firms in the country indicated on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam), including product consumed internally by your firm.

"Export shipments"--Shipments to destinations outside of the country indicated on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam), including shipments to related firms.

"Inventories" -- Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-8. **Trade data.**--*Continued*.

| | Quantity (in nu | mber of mattre | sses) | | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------|-------|--|------|
| | Actual experience Calendar year | | | Projections ¹ Calendar year | |
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| ltem | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Average production capacity ² (A) | | | | | |
| Beginning-of-period inventories (B) | | | | | |
| Production (C) | | | | | |
| Home market shipments: Internal consumption/ transfers (D) | | | | | |
| Commercial shipments (E) | | | | | |
| Exports to the United States (F) | | | | | |
| Exports to all other markets ³ (G) | | | | | |
| Total exports (H) (should equal F+G) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| End-of-period inventories (J) | | | | | |
| ¹ Please explain the basis for your firm ² The production capacity reported is I describe the methodology used to calcula ³ Identify principal other export marke | pased on operat te production c | ing hours | | | |

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.</u>--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line J) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line B), plus production (i.e., line C), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, E, F, and G). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

| | Actual experience | | | Projections | |
|--|-------------------|------|------|---------------|------|
| | Calendar year | | | Calendar year | |
| Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| B + C - D - E - F - G - J = should equal | | | | | |
| zero ("0") or provide an explanation.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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

II-9. **Exports to the United States not produced by your firm**.--Report your firm's exports to the United States of mattresses that were produced in the country identified on the certification page (Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Serbia, Thailand, Turkey, or Vietnam) but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should **not** be included in question II-8.

| | Quantity (ii | n number of mo | attresses) | | |
|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|------|------|
| | Actual experience | | Projections | | |
| | Calendar year | | | | |
| Item | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
| Exports of mattresses to the United States not produced by your firm ¹ | | | | | |
| ¹ List the producer(s) | | | | | |

| II-10. | Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II |
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| | for which a narrative box was not provided, please note the question number and the |
| | explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with |
| | the MS Word questionnaire. |
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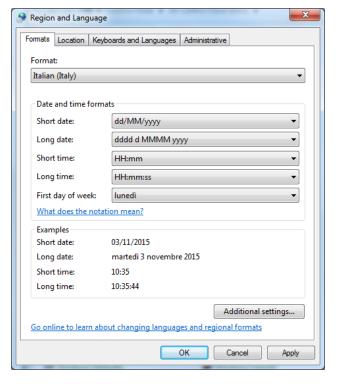
Correcting Valid number error messages.--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The U.S. International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

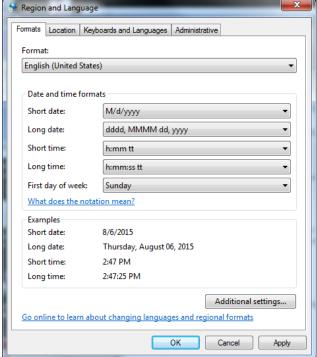
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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

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

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





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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

https://usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2020/mattresses china cambodia indonesia malaysia/preliminary.htm.

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

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

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

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

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