

U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

PAPER SHOPPING BAGS FROM CAMBODIA, CHINA, COLOMBIA, INDIA, MALAYSIA, PORTUGAL, TAIWAN, TURKEY, AND VIETNAM

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **February 6, 2024**

See last page for instructions regarding how to file this questionnaire.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning paper shopping bags from Cambodia, China, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Portugal, Taiwan, Turkey, and Vietnam (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-690-691 and 731-TA-1619-1627 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Craig Thomsen (202-205-3226, craig.thomsen@usitc.gov) or Amelia Preece (202-205-1888, amelia.preece@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Website _____

Has your firm purchased, or imported for its own use or retail sale, paper shopping bags (as defined on next page) from any source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2021?

☐ **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)

Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission **Drop Box** by clicking on the following link: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>. (PIN: **XXXX**). See last page for detailed instructions.

CERTIFICATION

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

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

Name of Authorized Official

Title of Authorized Official

Date

Signature

Phone

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on May 31, 2023, by the Coalition for Fair Trade in Shopping Bags, a coalition whose members include Novolex Holdings, LLC, Charlotte, North Carolina, and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. 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 the following locations:

Questionnaires: https://usitc.gov/reports/active_import_injury_questionnaires.

Other information: <https://ids.usitc.gov/case/8128/investigation/8430>

Paper shopping bags within the scope of these investigations are paper shopping bags with handles of any type, regardless of whether there is any printing, regardless of how the top edges are finished (e.g., folded, serrated, or otherwise finished), regardless of color, and regardless of whether the top edges contain adhesive or other material for sealing closed. Subject paper shopping bags have a width of at least 4.5 inches and depth of at least 2.5 inches.

Paper shopping bags typically are made of kraft paper but can be made from any type of cellulose fiber, paperboard, or pressboard with a basis weight less than 300 grams per square meter (GSM).

A non-exhaustive illustrative list of the types of handles on shopping bags covered by the scope include handles made from any materials such as twisted paper, flat paper, yarn, ribbon, rope, string, or plastic, as well as die-cut handles (whether the punchout is fully removed or partially attached as a flap).

Excluded from the scope are:

- Paper sacks or bags that are of a 1/6 or 1/7 barrel size (i.e., 11.5-12.5 inches in width, 6.5-7.5 inches in depth, and 13.5-17.5 inches in height) with flat paper handles or die-cut handles;
- Paper sacks or bags with die-cut handles, a grams per square meter paper weight of less than 86 GSM, and a height of less than 11.5 inches; and
- Paper sacks or bags (i) with non-paper handles made wholly of woven ribbon or other similar woven fabric¹ and (ii) that are finished with folded tops or for which tied knots or t-bar aglets (made of wood, metal, or plastic) are used to secure the handles to the bags.

The above-referenced dimensions are provided for paper bags in the opened position. The height of the bag is the distance from the bottom fold edge to the top edge (i.e., excluding the height of handles that extend above the top edge). The depth of the bag is the distance from the front of the bag edge to the back of the bag edge (typically measured at the bottom of the bag). The width of the bag is measured from the left to the right edges of the front and back panels (upon which the handles typically are located).

¹ Paper sacks or bags with handles made of braided or twisted materials, such as rope or cord, do not qualify for this exclusion.

This merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 4819.30.00 and 4819.40.00 (statistical reporting numbers 4819.30.0040 and 4819.40.0040). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

Other paper bags include certain other handled paper bags expressly excluded from the scope in the bullet list included in the definition of "paper shopping bags" above, as well as other bags made from the same kraft paper or cellulose fiber as "paper shopping bags" but without handles, including but not limited to other grocery bags, self-opening sacks (SOS), other types of paper bag not otherwise expressly covered by the term "paper shopping bags." This product group includes:

- Paper sacks or bags that are of a 1/6 or 1/7 barrel size (i.e., 11.5-12.5 inches in width, 6.5-7.5 inches in depth, and 13.5-17.5 inches in height) with flat paper handles or die-cut handles (i.e., paper grocery bags with handles);
- Paper sacks or bags with die-cut handles, a grams per square meter paper weight of less than 86 GSM, and a height of less than 11.5 inches;
- Paper sacks or bags (i) with non-paper handles made wholly of woven ribbon or other similar woven fabric and (ii) that are finished with folded tops or for which tied knots or t-bar aglets (made of wood, metal, or plastic) are used to secure the handles to the bags;
- All other grocery bags (i.e., grocery bags without handles);
- SOS bags; and
- Other paper bags without handles that would otherwise match the definition of paper shopping bags but for the lack of a handle.

This merchandise is classifiable under the same HTSUS subheadings as paper shopping bags.

Importer.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing paper shopping bags (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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

Hours	Dollars

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

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

- I-2a. **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 paper shopping bags, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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- I-2b. **Stock symbol information.**-- If your firm or parent firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol: _____.

- I-2c. **External counsel.**-- If your firm or parent firm is represented by external counsel in relation to this proceeding, having filed an entry of appearance, please specify the name of the law firm and the lead attorney(s).

Law firm:	
Lead attorney(s):	

I-3. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

☐ No ☐ Yes--List the following information, relating to the ultimate parent/owner.

Firm name	Country	Extent of ownership (percent)

I-4. **Related producers/importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that produce paper shopping bags, import paper shopping bags into the United States, or export paper shopping bags to the United States?

“Related firm” –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

☐ No ☐ Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Type (i.e., producer, exporter, importer)	Country	Affiliation

I-5. **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	

PART II.--PURCHASES

II-1. **Purchases and imports.**— Report separately your firm's domestic purchases and imports of paper shopping bags.

"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.

Please report separately information for paper shopping bags originating in Taiwan between those produced/exported by Haurtyi Paper Bag Company and those produced/exported by firms other than Haurtyi Paper Bag Company. If your firm imported paper shopping bags at any time since January 1, 2021, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.

Purchases

Item	2021	2022	2023
	Quantity (in pounds)		
Purchases of paper shopping bags produced in—			
United States			
Cambodia			
China			
Colombia			
India			
Malaysia			
Portugal			
Taiwan (Haurtyi only)			
Taiwan (except for Haurtyi)			
Turkey			
Vietnam			
All other sources ¹			
Sources unknown ²			
Total purchases	0	0	0
¹ Please identify these sources:			
² Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise:			

Value of purchases of paper shopping bags from *all sources* in 2023 in actual dollars: _____

II-1. **Purchases and imports.**— (Continued)**Imports**

Item	2021	2022	2023
	Quantity (in pounds)		
Imports of paper shopping bags from—			
Cambodia			
China			
Colombia			
India			
Malaysia			
Portugal			
Taiwan (Haurtyi only)			
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)			
Turkey			
Vietnam			
All other sources ¹			
Total imports ²	0	0	0
¹ Please identify these sources: ² If your firm imported paper shopping bags at any time since January 1, 2021, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.			

Total value of paper shopping bags imported from *all sources* in 2023 in actual dollars: _____

- II-2. **Purchases and imports of other paper bags.**--Did you import or purchase the following types of other paper bags (as defined on page 3 in the General Instructions)?

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- **Scope exclusion 1:** Paper sacks or bags that are of a 1/6 or 1/7 barrel size (i.e., 11.5-12.5 inches in width, 6.5-7.5 inches in depth, and 13.5-17.5 inches in height) with flat paper handles or die-cut handles (i.e., paper grocery bags with handles);
- **Scope exclusion 2:** Paper sacks or bags with die-cut handles, a grams per square meter paper weight of less than 86 GSM, and a height of less than 11.5 inches;
- **Scope exclusion 3:** Paper sacks or bags (i) with non-paper handles made wholly of woven ribbon or other similar woven fabric and (ii) that are finished with folded tops or for which tied knots or t-bar aglets (made of wood, metal, or plastic) are used to secure the handles to the bags;
- **Other grocery bags:** All other grocery bags (i.e., grocery bags without handles);
- **SOS bags:** Self-opening paper sacks; and
- **All other "other paper bags":** Other paper bags without handles that would otherwise match the definition of paper shopping bags but for the lack of a handle.

Product type	No	Yes	Quantity (in pounds) of such purchases and imports	Reason(s) why
Scope exclusion 1 (i.e., paper grocery bags with handles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Scope exclusion 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Scope exclusion 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Other grocery bags (i.e., grocery bags without handles)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
SOS bag	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
All other "other paper bags"	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

II-3. **Sheet-fed vs. web-fed purchases and imports.** --Did you import or purchase the following types of paper shopping bags (i.e., in-scope products reported in question II-1)? If “yes,” note the share of your 2023 purchases and imports of such that type of bag.

Product type	No	Yes	Share of 2023 purchases/ imports	Reason(s) why
Sheet-fed paper shopping bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	
Web-fed paper shopping bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	
Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	%	
Total (sum to 100.0%)			0.0 %	

II-4. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**-- Please indicate whether the shares of your firm's purchases of paper shopping bags steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2021 from the listed sources.

Select one box per row.

[illegible]

II-5. **Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.**—

- (a) Since January 2021, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of paper shopping bags from Cambodia, China, Colombia, India, Malaysia, Portugal, Taiwan, Turkey, and/or Vietnam instead of purchasing U.S.-produced paper shopping bags? Respond for each subject source.

Source	Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If “No” for all sources, skip to next question)
Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Source	Yes	No
Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II-5. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.— *continued*

- (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 2020 (in pounds) ¹	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
China	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
India	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
¹ If the quantity reported above exceeds the total quantity reported in II-1, please explain.				

II-6. **U.S. producers and import competition.**—

- (a) Since January 1, 2021, in connection with a sale or offer to sell paper shopping bags to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced paper shopping bags in order to compete with lower-priced imports of paper shopping bags from the subject sources? Respond for each subject source.

Source	Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If “No” for all sources, skip to next question)	Don't know
Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

II-6. **U.S. producers and import competition.**—*continued*

- (b) If your firm responded “yes” to any of the above sources, please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers’ prices and any additional explanations.

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
Cambodia	%	
China	%	
Colombia	%	
India	%	
Malaysia	%	
Portugal	%	
Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	%	
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	%	
Turkey	%	
Vietnam	%	

- II-7. **Country knowledge.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experience or is otherwise familiar with paper shopping bags produced in the following sources.

United States	Cambodia	China	Colombia	India	Malaysia
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Portugal	Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	Turkey	Vietnam
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other source(s)	Specify source(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-8. **Supplier identification.**--Please list your firm's **FIVE** largest suppliers for paper shopping bags since January 1, 2021, by quantity. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of paper shopping bags that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2023.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2023 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 paper shopping bags (check all that apply)?

End user (Restaurant)	End user (Retail)	Distributor	Other	Describe other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If your firm is a distributor of paper shopping bags, 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 paper shopping bags?

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

- III-3. **Types of customers.**--What are the major types of customers to which your firm sells paper shopping bags?

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- III-4. **Substitutes.**--Can other products be substituted for paper shopping bags?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please fill out the table.

Substitute	Sector in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for paper shopping bags?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1. Paper grocery bags		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2. Plastic bags		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
4.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
5.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-5. Demand trends.—

- (a) Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for paper shopping bags steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2021? Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand including when they occurred.

Select only one (1) box for each row						
Market	Steadily increase	Fluctuate higher	No change	Fluctuate lower	Steadily decrease	Explanation and factors (including when they occurred)
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) Have changes in consumers' in-person retail activities vs. online delivery retail activities had an impact on demand for paper shopping bags since January 1, 2021?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe and quantify the effect.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (c) Have changes to federal, state, and local laws regarding taxation and/or recycling of paper shopping bags affected demand for paper shopping bags since January 1, 2021?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe the relevant jurisdiction(s) and quantify the effect.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (d) Have changes in consumer environmental perceptions (e.g., regarding recyclability) of paper shopping bags affected demand for paper shopping bags since January 1, 2021?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe the relevant jurisdiction(s) and quantify the effect.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-6. Source preferences.-- Do you or your customers ever prefer to order paper shopping bags produced in a specific source or sources over other possible sources of supply?

No	Yes	If yes, identify the sources and explain any preferences.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-7. **Importance of purchasing domestic product.**--Please fill out the table below, estimating the share of your firm's total 2023 purchases of paper shopping bags that required they be produced in the United States.

	Estimated share of your firm's total 2023 purchases of paper shopping bags
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons (explain: _____.)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

- III-8. **Business cycles.**--Is the paper shopping bag market subject to business cycles, either during the year or across years? If yes, describe.

No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-9. **Conditions of competition.**--Is the paper shopping bag market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to paper shopping bags other than the business cycles described in the previous question? If yes, describe.

No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-10. **Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.**-- How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving paper shopping bags based on its producer or country of origin?

Item	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain noting the producers and/or sources.
Decision based on producer					
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"/>	
Decision based on country of origin					
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"/>	
Decision based on method of production (i.e., web-fed vs. sheet-fed)					
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-11. **Availability of supply.**--Has the availability of paper shopping bags in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2021?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the sources and reasons for the changes.
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Subject imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Nonsubject imports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-12. **Supply constraints.**--How frequently has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with paper shopping bags in the following time periods (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.)?

FROM DOMESTIC SOURCES:					If any answer besides "never," please describe, including the reason, timing, and duration of the constraint.
Period	Frequently	Occasionally	Infrequently	Never	
2021 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2021 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2022 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2022 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2023 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2023 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FROM SUBJECT SOURCES:					If any answer besides "never," please describe, including the reason, timing, and duration of the constraint.
Period	Frequently	Occasionally	Infrequently	Never	
2021 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2021 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2022 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2022 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2023 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2023 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

FROM NONSUBJECT SOURCES:					If any answer besides "never," please describe, including the reason, timing, and duration of the constraint.
Period	Frequently	Occasionally	Infrequently	Never	
2021 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2021 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2022 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2022 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2023 1 st half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2023 2 nd half	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-13. **Effect of the COVID-19 pandemic**—Did the COVID-19 pandemic affect the market for paper shopping bags in the United States? In your response, please discuss the duration, timing, and magnitude of any such changes as they relate to your firm's operations.

No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-14. **Availability of specific product types.**—

(a) Are certain types/sizes of paper shopping bags only available from certain sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the sources and the types/sizes available only from those sources.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) What proportion of your 2023 purchases and imports of paper shopping bags from non-domestic sources were unavailable from domestic producers? %

- III-15. **Alternative product specifications.**— Since January 1, 2021, which of the suppliers from which you previously purchased could not supply your firm with the paper shopping bag of your preferred type/size in your desired quantity but offered you an alternative paper shopping bag type/size to meet your needs (e.g., smaller, alternative printing, different handles, different paper, etc.)?

Supplier	Origin source	Were there any products that the specified supplier refused to offer or could not supply?		Did the supplier provide any alternative products or sources for those they refused to offer or could not supply?		Please note the product(s) which were not supplied and any alternative(s) offered.
		No	Yes	No	Yes	
American Paper Bag	United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Fischer	United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Novolex	United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
ProAmpac	United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other U.S.:	United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other U.S.:	United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Vietnam	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Haurtyi	Taiwan	<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"/>	
	Other:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

III-16. **Purchasing frequency.--**

- (a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of paper shopping bags (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	<i>If other, specify</i>
<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, 2021?

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

III-17. **Minimum individual order quantities.**-- What were smallest minimum order sizes for an individual order of a specific type/size/ print/etc. (in number of bags) for standard and customized (those specific to your firm) paper shopping bags offered by the following sources in the following time frames since January 1, 2021?

Minimum order quantity (number of bags)									
		2021				2022			
Size:		Standard		Custom		Standard		Custom	
Custom Printing:		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Supplier									
American Paper Bag	U.S.								
Fischer	U.S.								
Novolex	U.S.								
ProAmpac	U.S.								
Other U.S.:	U.S.								
Other U.S.:	U.S.								
	Cambodia								
	China								
	Colombia								
	India								
	Malaysia								
	Portugal								
	Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)								
Haurtyi	Taiwan								
	Turkey								
	Vietnam								
	Other:								
	Other:								

III-17. **Minimum order quantities.**-- Continued

Minimum order quantity (number of bags)					
		2023			
Size:		Standard		Custom	
Custom Printing:		Yes	No	Yes	No
Supplier					
American Paper Bag	U.S.				
Fischer	U.S.				
Novolex	U.S.				
ProAmpac	U.S.				
Other U.S.:	U.S.				
Other U.S.:	U.S.				
	Cambodia				
	China				
	Colombia				
	India				
	Malaysia				
	Portugal				
	Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)				
Haurtyi	Taiwan				
	Turkey				
	Vietnam				
	Other:				
	Other:				

- III-18. **Minimum order effects.**--Since January 1, 2021, has your firm been unable to place an order for paper shopping bags (refused, declined, turned down) at any source due to minimum order size requirements?

Source	No	Yes	If yes, please list all relevant suppliers, the desired and minimum quantities, and when it occurred.
U.S.-produced	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imported	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-19. **Raw material prices.**—

- (a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of paper shopping bags?

No	Yes – please answer (b)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) Has information on raw material prices affected your firm's negotiations or contracts to purchase paper shopping bags since January 1, 2021?

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

- III-20. **Number of suppliers contacted.**--How many suppliers of paper shopping bags does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between ____ and ____ firms

- III-21. **Supplier negotiations.**--Do your firm's purchases of paper shopping bags usually involve negotiations between your firm and suppliers of paper shopping bags?

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-22. **Change in suppliers.**--Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2021?

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-23. **New suppliers.**--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2021?

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

III-24. **Supplier certification.**--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell paper shopping bags to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days required 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	Certification/qualification process and factors considered
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

III-25. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2021, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their paper shopping bags with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify these producers, the sources where they are located, and the reasons why they failed or lost the certification/qualification.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-26. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase paper shopping bags (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-27. **Purchasing factors.**--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for paper shopping bags.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customization	<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"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Print quality	<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-28. **Quality characteristics.**--What characteristics does your firm consider when evaluating the quality of paper shopping bags?

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- III-29. **Minimum quality.**--How often do paper shopping bags from the following sources 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"/>
Cambodia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
China	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Colombia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
India	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Malaysia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Portugal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (other than Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taiwan (only Haurtyi)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Turkey	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vietnam	<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-30. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the paper shopping bags that are offered at the lowest price?

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

- III-31. **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 have considered price leaders in the paper shopping bags market since January 1, 2021.

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

- III-32. **Role of section 301 tariffs.**-- Did the tariffs on Chinese-origin products under section 301, or changes in these tariffs, have an impact on the paper shopping bags market in the United States, including any effects on paper shopping bags cost, price, supply, and/or demand, since January 1, 2021?

Yes	No	Don't know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If yes, please describe the impact on cost, price, supply, and/or demand, and include the timing of such impacts.

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PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. **Interchangeability.**—How often are paper shopping bags produced in the United States and in other sources 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

Country-pair	Cambodia	China	Colombia	India	Malaysia	Portugal	Taiwan	Turkey	Vietnam	Other sources
United States										
Cambodia										
China										
Colombia										
India										
Malaysia										
Portugal										
Taiwan										
Turkey										
Vietnam										

For any country-pair producing paper shopping bags that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude the interchangeable use of paper shopping bags produced in the sources:

- IV-2. **Factors other than price.**—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between paper shopping bags produced in the United States and in other sources a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	Cambodia	China	Colombia	India	Malaysia	Portugal	Taiwan	Turkey	Vietnam	Other sources
United States										
Cambodia										
China										
Colombia										
India										
Malaysia										
Portugal										
Taiwan										
Turkey										
Vietnam										

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

- IV-3. **Factor comparisons.**--For the factors listed below, please rate how paper shopping bags produced in each source you identified in your response with which you are familiar, as reported in question II-7, compares with paper shopping bags produced in each of the other sources with which you are familiar.

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

Factor	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Cambodia</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>China</u>			Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Colombia</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Print quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets ind. standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds ind. standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ A rating of "superior" on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first source generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second source.

IV-3. **Factor comparisons.**--*Continued.*

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

Factor	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>India</u>				Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Malaysia</u>				Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Portugal</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Print quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ A rating of 'superior' on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first source generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second source.

IV-3. **Factor comparisons.**--*Continued.*

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

Factor	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Taiwan</u>				Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Turkey</u>				Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>Vietnam</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior		Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customization	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delivery time	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Discounts offered	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Print quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product consistency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product range	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality meets industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quality exceeds industry standards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability of supply	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical support/service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
U.S. transportation costs ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ A rating of 'superior' on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first source generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second source.

IV-3. **Factor comparisons.**--*Continued.*

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

Factor	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to product from <u>All other sources</u>		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customization	<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"/>
Minimum quantity requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packaging	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Payment terms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Price ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Print quality	<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 ¹	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

¹ A rating of 'superior' on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first source generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second source.

PART V.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION: IN-SCOPE PAPER SHOPPING BAGS VS. OTHER PAPER BAGS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Andres Andrade (202-205-2078, Andres.Andrade@usitc.gov).

Paper shopping bags—See definition on page 2 within the General Instructions section.

Other paper bags— See definition on page 3 within the General Instructions section.

V-1. **Comparability of in-scope paper shopping bags and “other paper bags.”**--For each of the following indicate whether in-scope paper shopping bags, as defined on page 2, and “other paper bags” (e.g. grocery, SOS, and other types of paper bags which do not meet the scope definition on page 2), are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

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

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

O: no familiarity with products.

(a) **Physical Characteristics and End Uses.**--The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>physical characteristics and uses</i> :
In-scope paper shopping bags vs “Other paper bags”		

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

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <i>interchangeability</i> :
In-scope paper shopping bags vs “Other paper bags”		

V-1. **Comparability of in-scope paper shopping bags and “other paper bags.”** --Continued

- F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;
M: mostly comparable or similar;
S: somewhat comparable or similar;
N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
O: no familiarity with products.

- (c) **Channels of distribution.**--Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (*i.e.*, sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>channels of distribution</u> :
In-scope paper shopping bags vs “Other paper bags”		

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

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u> :
In-scope paper shopping bags vs “Other paper bags”		

V-1. **Comparability of in-scope paper shopping bags and “other paper bags.”** --Continued

- F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;
M: mostly comparable or similar;
S: somewhat comparable or similar;
N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
O: no familiarity with products.

(e) **Customer and producer perceptions.**--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in the market (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>customer and producer perceptions</u> :
In-scope paper shopping bags vs “Other paper bags”		

(f) **Price.**--Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>price</u> :
In-scope paper shopping bags vs “Other paper bags”		

PART VI.--ALTERNATIVE PRODUCT INFORMATION: WEB-FED VS. SHEET-FED

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Andres Andrade (202-205-2078, Andres.Andrade@usitc.gov).

VI-1. **Comparability of web-fed and sheet-fed paper shopping bags.**-- For each of the following indicate whether web-fed and sheet-fed paper shopping bags are: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them; mostly comparable or similar; somewhat comparable or similar; never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or no familiarity with products.

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

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

O: no familiarity with products.

(a) **Physical Characteristics and End Uses.**--The differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>physical characteristics and uses</u> :
Web-fed paper shopping bags vs Sheet-fed paper shopping bags		

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

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>interchangeability</u> :
Web-fed paper shopping bags vs Sheet-fed paper shopping bags		

VI-1. **Comparability of web-fed and sheet-fed paper shopping bags.**--*Continued*

- F: fully comparable or the same, *i.e.*, have no differentiation between them;
M: mostly comparable or similar;
S: somewhat comparable or similar;
N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or
O: no familiarity with products.

- (c) **Channels of distribution.**--Channels of distribution/market situation through which the products are sold (*i.e.*, sold direct to end users, through wholesaler/distributors, etc.).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>channels of distribution</u> :
Web-fed paper shopping bags vs Sheet-fed paper shopping bags		

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

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>manufacturing facilities, production processes, and production employees</u> :
Web-fed paper shopping bags vs Sheet-fed paper shopping bags		

VI-1. **Comparability of web-fed and sheet-fed paper shopping bags.**--Continued

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

M: mostly comparable or similar;

S: somewhat comparable or similar;

N: never or not-at-all comparable or similar; or

O: no familiarity with products.

- (e) **Customer and producer perceptions.**--Perceptions as to the differences and/or similarities in the market (*e.g.*, sales/marketing practices).

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>customer and producer perceptions</u> :
Web-fed paper shopping bags vs Sheet-fed paper shopping bags		

- (f) **Price.**--Whether prices are comparable or differ between the products.

Product-pair	Comparison	Please provide a narrative discussion for the comparability ratings you provided in terms of their <u>price</u> :
Web-fed paper shopping bags vs Sheet-fed paper shopping bags		

PART VII.--ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to craig.thomsen@usitc.gov and amelia.preece@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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