

## U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### FINE DENIER POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **April 9, 2024**  
*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 Inv. No. 201-TA-078, fine denier polyester stable fiber ("fine denier PSF"), under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2252). The information requested in the questionnaire is needed to supplement data available to the Commission from other sources and is requested under the authority of section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974. 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)).

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced fine denier PSF (as defined on the next page) in the United States at any time since January 1, 2019?

☐ NO

☐ 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: **FDEN**)

#### 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 means of 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, reviews, or general factfinding investigations 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. I understand that the confidential business information that is furnished may be transmitted to the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) and may be included in a confidential version of the report that the Commission transmits to the President and USTR for use in decision-making related to this proceeding.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Authorized Official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Phone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email address

**PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.** — This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on February 28, 2024 by Fiber Industries LLC d/b/a Darling Fibers, Darlington, South Carolina; Nan Ya Plastic Corp, America, Lake City, South Carolina; and Sun Fiber LLC, Richburg, South Carolina. Import relief may be imposed by the President on U.S. imports of fine denier PSF as a result of this investigation if the Commission makes an affirmative serious injury determination. The President may impose relief in the form of increased duties and/or other restrictions on imports of fine denier PSF that are the subject of an affirmative serious injury determination. Pertinent information to this proceeding is available at:

Questionnaires: [https://usitc.gov/reports/active\\_import\\_injury\\_questionnaires](https://usitc.gov/reports/active_import_injury_questionnaires).

Other case information: <https://ids.usitc.gov/case/8180/investigation/8532>.

***Fine denier PSF.***— covered by this proceeding is not carded or combed, measuring less than 3.3 decitex (3 denier) in diameter. The scope covers all fine denier PSF, whether coated or uncoated.

The following products are excluded from the scope:

- (1) PSF equal to or greater than 3.3 decitex (more than 3 denier, inclusive) currently imported under HTSUS statistical reporting numbers 5503.20.0045 and 5503.20.0065.
- (2) Low-melt PSF defined as a bicomponent polyester fiber having a polyester fiber component that melts at a lower temperature than the other polyester fiber component, which is currently imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 5503.20.0015.

Fine denier PSF is currently imported under HTSUS statistical reporting number 5503.20.0025. The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes; the written description of the scope is dispositive.

***Reporting of information.***-- If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with this proceeding (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

***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. § 2252(i)). 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 of your 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 confidential business 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 Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. § 2252(i)) and section 206.17 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 206.17). 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 below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire.

Hours	Dollars

Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 50 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 city, state, zip code, and brief description of each establishment covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol in the footnote to the table. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

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

Establishments Covered <sup>1</sup>	City, State	Zip (5 digit)	Description
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<sup>1</sup> Additional discussion on establishments consolidated in this questionnaire: _____.			

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, please specify the name of the law firm and the lead attorney(s).

Law firm:	
Lead attorney(s):	

I-3. **Position regarding the imposition of safeguard relief.**--Does your firm support or oppose the imposition of safeguard relief from imports of fine denier PSF?

Support	Oppose	Take no position	Describe your position
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

I-4. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

☐ No ☐ Yes--List the following information.

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

[illegible]

**PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Calvin Chang (202-205-3062, [calvin.chang@usitc.gov](mailto:calvin.chang@usitc.gov)). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

- II-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

- II-2a. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019.

<i>Check as many as appropriate.</i>		<i>If checked, please describe the nature, timing / duration, and impact on operations of any such reported changes as well as the business reasons for them; leave completely blank if not applicable</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Plant closings <sup>1</sup>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prolonged shutdowns	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Weather-related or force majeure events	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (e.g., revised labor agreements, technology)	

<sup>1</sup> In the narrative field provided above, please also note the current disposition of your firm's productive assets relating to fine denier PSF (i.e., sold, dismantled, idled but still intact, etc.). If the assets are still available for fine denier PSF production (i.e., not sold or dismantled), please indicate the amount of time, effort, and cost it would require your firm to re-start its fine denier PSF operations using those assets and the market conditions that would need to prevail to for your firm to make the decision to restart those operations.

- II-2b. **COVID-19 pandemic.**—Has the COVID-19 pandemic or have any government actions taken to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus resulted in changes in your firm's supply chain arrangements, production, employment, and shipments relating to fine denier PSF? In your response, please discuss the duration and timing of any such changes as they relate to your firm's operations.

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, describe these changes including the impact over time on the (a) supply chain, (b) shipments and production, and (c) employment with respect to fine denier PSF.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-2c. **Anticipated changes in operations.**—Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization relating to the production of fine denier PSF in the future?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, supply details as to the likely timing, nature, and significance of such anticipated changes and describe the underlying assumptions and business reasons for these anticipated changes.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-3a. **Production using same machinery.**--Please report your firm's production of products using the same equipment, machinery, or employees as used to produce fine denier PSF, and the combined capacity (both installed and practical capacity) on this shared equipment, machinery, or employees in the periods indicated.

**"Installed overall capacity"** – The level of production that your establishment(s) could have attained, assuming your firm's *optimal* product mix, and based solely on *existing capital investments*, i.e., machinery and equipment that is in place and ready to operate. This capacity measure does not take into account other constraints to production such as existing workforce constraints, availability of raw materials, or downtime for maintenance, repair, and clean-up. This capacity measure is sometimes referred to as "nameplate" or "theoretical" capacity.

**"Practical overall capacity"** – The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain, taking into account your firm's *actual* product mix over the period. This capacity measure is based on not only existing capital investments, i.e., machinery and equipment that is in place and ready to operate; but also non-capital investment constraints, such as (1) normal operating conditions, including normal downtime for maintenance, repair, and cleanup; (2) your firm's existing in place and readily available labor force; (3) availability of material inputs; and (4) any other constraints that may have limited your firm's ability to produce the reported products. Importantly, this capacity measure is the maximum "practical" production your firm could have achieved without hiring new personnel or expanding the number of shifts operated in the period.

**"Practical fine denier PSF capacity"** – The level of production of fine denier PSF that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain. The same assumptions apply to this capacity measure as for practical overall capacity, but only includes the portion of practical overall capacity allocated to the production of fine denier PSF based on the actual product mix experienced over the period.

**"Production"** – All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

Takes into account	Installed overall capacity	Practical overall capacity	Practical fine denier PSF capacity
Existing capital investments	Yes	Yes	Yes
Product mix	Yes	Yes	Yes
Normal downtime, maintenance, repair and clean-up	No	Yes	Yes
Existing labor force	No	Yes	Yes
Availability of material inputs	No	Yes	Yes
Actual number of shifts and hours operated	No	Yes	Yes
Limited to fine denier PSF	No	No	Yes



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

Item	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)				
	Calendar year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Capacity measures:</b>					
Installed overall capacity <sup>1</sup>					
Practical overall capacity <sup>1 2</sup>					
Practical <i>fine denier PSF</i> capacity <sup>3 4</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Production of:</b>					
Fine denier PSF <sup>3 4</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Coarse denier PSF (i.e., greater than 3 denier)					
Other products <sup>5</sup>					
Total production using same machinery or workers	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Data reported for both "installed overall" and "practical overall" capacity should each individually be greater than data reported for total production (last line). Additionally, data reported for "installed overall" capacity should be greater than "practical overall" capacity in every period.

<sup>2</sup> Please provide details in your response to the question on capacity constraints in question II-3d below that explain the differences reported between "installed" overall capacity and "practical" overall capacity.

<sup>3</sup> Data for this indicator will populate here once reported below in question II-12.

<sup>4</sup> Data reported for practical fine denier PSF capacity should be greater than the data reported for production of fine denier PSF in each period, if not revise prior to submission to the Commission. Additionally, if your firm reports the production of no other products on the same machinery and using the same workers as fine denier PSF then "practical overall" and "practical fine denier PSF" capacity measures should be equal to each other.

<sup>5</sup> Please identify these products: \_\_\_\_\_.

II-3b. **Operating parameters.**--The *practical* overall capacity reported in II-3a is based on the following operating parameters:

Hours per week	Weeks per year

II-3c. **Capacity calculations.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate *installed* and *practical* overall production capacities reported in II-3a, and explain any changes in reported capacities.

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- II-3d. **Practical overall capacity constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's practical overall capacity over the period reported in question II-3a. If different constraints were binding over different periods reported, please specify when each constraint was limiting your reported practical overall capacity. If a constraint was not actually binding over the period reported, but was still a constraint to achieving the installed capacity level, indicate at what level it would have been binding.

<b>Constraint</b> (check as many as appropriate)	<b>Description</b> (If checked, please describe the details, timing, and duration of the constraint; leave completely blank if not applicable)
<input type="checkbox"/> Production bottlenecks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing labor force	
<input type="checkbox"/> Supply of material inputs	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel or energy	
<input type="checkbox"/> Storage capacity	
<input type="checkbox"/> Logistics/transportation	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other constraints (list the specific constraints in the description field)	

- II-3e. **Reaching installed overall capacity.**--Please describe and quantify the amount of time it would take and the additional actions that would be needed (e.g., hiring new workers, expanding shifts, procuring larger sources of raw material supply, etc.) for your firm to be able to fully utilize the reported installed overall capacity reported in II-3a.

- II-3f. **Excess capacity.**--To the extent that your company is reporting excess capacity, please report, with specificity: (1) which machines or equipment (or other elements of production) would need to be brought back into production for your plant to operate at full capacity, and (2) the specific dates on which such machines or equipment were last used by your plant to produce fine denier PSF.

II-4. **Product shifting.**—

- (a) Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between fine denier PSF and other products using the same equipment and/or labor?

No	Yes	<b>If yes—(i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other products) Please identify other actual or potential products.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift capacity between products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.

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- (c) Is your firm able to switch production (capacity) between **black or other colored** fine denier PSF and **noncolored** fine denier PSF using the same equipment and/or labor?

No	Yes	<b>If yes—</b> Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift capacity between black or other colored and noncolored products (e.g., time, cost, relative price change, etc.), and the degree to which these factors enhance or constrain such shifts.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II-5. **Capacity checklist.**--Please check that the capacity numbers reported in question II-3a follow the Commission's relevant definitions for capacity.

Item	√ if Yes
Are all three capacity measures reported based on <u>currently installed machinery and equipment</u> (i.e., the reported capacity level would not require additional capital investments in order to achieve)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are practical overall capacity and practical fine denier PSF capacity measures reported based on <u>existing labor force</u> (i.e., the reported capacity level would not require hiring additional production related workers or adding shifts)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are practical overall capacity and practical fine denier PSF capacity measures based on <u>the actual availability of material inputs</u> ?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do both practical overall capacity and practical fine denier PSF capacity measures account for <u>normal downtime, maintenance, repair and clean-up</u> activities?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does the difference between practical overall capacity and practical fine denier PSF capacity equal the portion of practical overall capacity that is dedicated to the production of out-of-scope products?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: If your firm is not able to answer "yes" to any of the above criteria as it relates to your firm's reported capacity levels, please revise your capacity numbers to be in conformance with the appropriate definition prior to submission to the Commission.

- II-6. **Toll production.**-- Since January 1, 2019, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement regarding the production of fine denier PSF?

**“Toll agreement”**-- Agreement between two firms whereby the first firm (“tollee”) furnishes the raw materials and the second firm (“toller”) uses the raw materials to produce a product that it then returns to the first firm with a charge for processing costs, overhead, etc.

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

**If yes—Please complete the table below.**

<b>Does your firm act as the toller or tollee in this arrangement?</b>	<b>Toller:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Tollee:</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
Report the share of your firm’s production of fine denier PSF that was included in this toll arrangement in 2023.		%
Please describe the activities performed in this tolling arrangement:		
Please indicate the name(s) of the firm(s) involved:		

- II-7. **Foreign trade zones.**--

- (a) **Firm's FTZ operations.**--Does your firm produce fine denier PSF in and/or admit fine denier PSF into a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

**“Foreign trade zone”** is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes-- Describe the nature of your firms operations in FTZs and identify the specific FTZ site(s).</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) **Other firms' FTZ operations.**--To your knowledge, do any firms in the United States import fine denier PSF into a foreign trade zone (FTZ) for use in distribution of fine denier PSF and/or the production of downstream articles?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes--Identify the firms and the FTZs.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

II-8. **Injury.**--

- (a) Have your firm's fine denier PSF operations been injured by imports of fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe the impact of imports of fine denier PSF on your U.S. fine denier PSF operations.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) Please rank the importance of each of the following factors having an adverse impact on the on your firm's fine denier PSF operations. The "rating of factor" is the importance of the factor in causing injury to your firm on a scale of 1 through 5 (with five being an extremely important cause of injury)

Factor	Rating of factor	Description
Import competition		
Exchange rates		
Competition from other U.S. producers		
U.S. demand for fine denier PSF		
Inability to obtain adequate financing		
Change in raw material costs		
Labor problems or shortages		
Production problems		
Change in composition in U.S. industry		
Change in Federal regulations for fine denier PSF		
Other factors		

- II-9. **Effects of U.S. orders**— Since January 1, 2019, describe the significance, if any, of the existing U.S. antidumping and the antidumping orders on imports of fine denier PSF from China, India, South Korea, and Taiwan and the countervailing duty orders on imports of fine denier PSF from China and India on your firm's production, capacity, U.S. shipments, inventories, purchases, employment, revenues, costs, profits, cash flow, capital expenditures, research and development expenditures, and asset values. You may wish to compare your firm's operations before or after imposition of the orders. If your response differs for particular orders, please indicate and explain the particular effect of imposition of the orders.

- II-10. **Efforts to compete**.--Since 2019, has your firm undertaken or planned any efforts to compete more effectively in the U.S. market for fine denier PSF?

☐ No

☐ Yes-- Please describe (1) any efforts made by your firm and/or its workers since 2019 to compete more effectively, (2) the year in which the effort was made, (3) the expenditure involved (in thousands of dollars), and (4) the specific competitive advantage acquired (i.e., increased production, cost reduction, quality improvement, increased market share or sales, etc.).

If you feel that any of these efforts have been made primarily to compete with imported fine denier PSF, please indicate and explain. To the extent possible, furnish the Commission with memoranda, studies, or other documentation which indicate that such efforts were undertaken primarily to compete more effectively against imports of fine denier PSF.

II-11. **Efforts to compete under a safeguard.**--If you were to receive import relief as a result of this safeguard investigation, would your firm and/or its workers make adjustments in your operations producing fine denier PSF (in addition to those that you have described above) that will permit you to compete more effectively with imports of fine denier PSF?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please describe (1) the specific adjustment actions that would be made by your firm and/or its workers during any period of relief that will permit you to compete more effectively with imports, (2) the anticipated expenditure involved (in thousands of dollars), and (3) the specific competitive advantage expected to be gained by the adjustment (i.e., increased production, cost reduction, quality improvement, increased market share of sales, etc.). To the best of your ability, quantify the expected improvement in your firm's competitiveness vis à vis imports. For each adjustment action listed, explain how your firm plans to finance the expenditure. These adjustment actions are in addition to those that you would take notwithstanding any relief under section 202 and which you described above.

	Action	Description
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- II-12. **Production, shipment and inventory data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of fine denier PSF in its U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods.

***"Production"*** – All production in your U.S. establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm and production for another firm under a toll agreement.

***"U.S. commercial shipments"*** –Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

***"Internal consumption"*** – Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

***"Transfers to related firms"*** –Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

***"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.

***"Export shipments"*** –Shipments to destinations outside the United States, 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-12. Production, shipment and inventory data.—Continued.**

<b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and value (in \$1,000)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>Practical fine denier PSF capacity<sup>1</sup></b> (Quantity) (A)					
<b>Beginning-of-period inventories</b> (Quantity) (B)					
<b>Production of:</b>					
Black or other colored fine denier PSF					
Other fine denier PSF					
Total, in-scope fine denier PSF					
Quantity (C)	0	0	0	0	0
<b>U.S. shipments:</b>					
<b>Commercial shipments:</b>					
Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
<b>Internal consumption:<sup>2</sup></b>					
Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
<b>Transfers to related firms:<sup>2</sup></b>					
Quantity (H)					
Value (I)					
<b>Export shipments:<sup>3</sup></b>					
Quantity (J)					
Value (K)					
<b>End-of-period inventories</b> (Quantity) (L)					

<sup>1</sup> Report your firm's practical fine denier PSF capacity consistent with the definitions and instructions included in question II-3a.

<sup>2</sup> Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. If your firm uses a different basis for valuing these transactions in your records, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_. However, the data provided above in this table should be based on fair market value.

<sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal export markets: \_\_\_\_\_.

II-12. **Production, shipment and inventory data.--Continued**

**RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, PRODUCTION, AND INVENTORY.**-- Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line L) 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, F, H, and J). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather reflect your firm's actual records; and also provide explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

Item	Calendar year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
B + C – D – F – H – J – L = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate: _____.					

II-13. **Channels of distribution.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of U.S.-produced product by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	Calendar year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Channels of distribution:</b>					
<b>U.S. shipments:</b>					
To distributors (M)					
To end users: woven applications (N)					
To end users: nonwoven applications (O)					

**RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS.**--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines M, N, and O) in each time period equal the quantity reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

Item	Calendar year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
M + N + O – D – F – H = zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

- II-14. **U.S. shipments of post-consumer recycled ("PCR") fine denier PSF.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of U.S.-produced PCR fine denier PSF during the specified periods.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	Calendar year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>U.S. shipments.—</b> Fine denier PSF with PCR content greater than or equal to 50% (P)					
Fine denier PSF with a PCR content that is less than 50% (Q) <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that the quantity of "fine denier PSF with PCR content that is less than 50%" (i.e., line Q) does not report a negative number, which would occur if your firm reported more "fine denier PSF with PCR content greater than or equal to 50%" than it reported as overall U.S. shipments quantity (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in question II-12.

II-15a. **U.S. shipments of short cut fine denier PSF.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of U.S.-produced short cut fine denier PSF during the specified periods.

<b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>U.S. shipments.—</b> Short cut (R)					
Other than short cut <sup>1</sup> (S)	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that the quantity of "other than short cut" (i.e., line S) does not report a negative number, which would occur if your firm reported more "short cut" fine denier PSF than it reported as overall U.S. shipments quantity (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in question II-12.					

II-15b. **Short cut fine denier PSF characteristics.**-- If your firm reported U.S. shipments of short cut fine denier PSF in question II-15a (line R), please discuss the following characteristics, including how these may have varied depending on the product type or end-use.

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>Description</b>
Cut lengths, in millimeters	
Crimp levels	
Finish levels and types	
Pack types (e.g., bale, 24 kg vacuumized packing, 500 kg gaylord boxes)	
Can it be used for wet-laid downstream processes?	
End-use applications	

II-16a. **U.S. shipments of black or other colored fine denier PSF.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of U.S.-produced black or other colored fine denier PSF during the specified periods.

<b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>U.S. shipments.—</b> Black or other colored (T)					
Non-colored <sup>1</sup> (U)	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that the quantity of "non-colored" (i.e., line U) does not report a negative number, which would occur if your firm reported more "black or other colored" fine denier PSF than it reported as overall U.S. shipments quantity (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in question II-12.					

II-16b. **Dope-dyed black PSF.**— What percentage of the black or other colored U.S. shipments reported in question II-16a were dope-dyed black fine denier PSF? \_\_\_\_\_ percent

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>If your firm reported U.S. shipments of dope-dyed black fine denier PSF, please discuss the following characteristics, including how these may have varied depending on the product type or end-use.</b>
Was recycled fiber used? If so, describe the percentage(s) of recycled fiber used.	
Tenacity (grams per denier)	

II-17a. **U.S. shipments of siliconized fine denier PSF.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of U.S.-produced siliconized fine denier PSF during the specified periods.

<b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and Value (in \$1,000)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>U.S. shipments.—</b> Siliconized (V)					
Non-siliconized <sup>1</sup> (W)	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that the quantity of "non-siliconized" (i.e., line W) does not report a negative number, which would occur if your firm reported more "siliconized" fine denier PSF than it reported as overall U.S. shipments quantity (i.e., lines D, F, and H), in question II-12.					

II-17b. **Siliconized fine denier PSF characteristics.**-- What percentage of the siliconized U.S. shipments (i.e., line V) reported in question II-17a were specifically siliconized fiberfill or product intended for fiber filling? \_\_\_\_\_ percent

<b>Characteristic</b>	<b>If your firm reported U.S. shipments of siliconized fiberfill, please discuss the following characteristics, including how these may have varied depending on the product type or end-use.</b>
Was recycled fiber used? If so, describe the percentage(s) of recycled fiber used.	
Denier range	
Crimp types	
Finish types, including whether the finish was customized for the end user.	

- II-18. **U.S. shipments by denier size.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments of U.S.-produced fine denier PSF (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) by denier size during the specified periods.

<b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>U.S. shipments.—</b> Micro denier (i.e., <=1.0 denier) (X)					
Other fine denier sizes (i.e., >1 denier but < 3.0 denier) <sup>1</sup> (Y)	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that the quantity of "other fine denier sizes" (i.e., line Y) does not report a negative number, which would occur if your firm reported more "micro" fine denier PSF than it reported as overall U.S. shipments quantity (i.e., lines D, F, and H) in question II-12.					

- II-19. **U.S. shipments of biodegradable fine denier PSF.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of U.S.-produced biodegradable fine denier PSF in the specified period.

**"Biodegradable"** – Fine denier PSF that can biodegrade by at least 50% within 400 days.

<b>Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)</b>					
<b>Item</b>	<b>Calendar year</b>				
	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2023</b>
<b>U.S. shipments.—</b> Biodegradable (Z)					
Non-biodegradable <sup>1</sup> (AA)	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> Please ensure that the quantity of "non-biodegradable" (i.e., line AA) does not report a negative number, which would occur if your firm reported more "biodegradable" fine denier PSF than it reported as overall U.S. shipments quantity (i.e., lines D, F, and H), in question II-12.					



II-20a. **Employment data.**--Report your firm's employment-related data related to the production of fine denier PSF in your U.S. establishments and provide any explanation for any trends in these data.

**"Production Related Workers" (PRWs)** includes working supervisors and all nonsupervisory workers (including group leaders and trainees) engaged in fabricating, processing, assembling, inspecting, receiving, storage, handling, packing, warehousing, shipping, trucking, hauling, maintenance, repair, janitorial and guard services, product development, auxiliary production for plant's own use (e.g., power plant), recordkeeping, and other services closely associated with the above production operations.

Average number employed may be computed by adding the number of employees, both full time and part time, for the 12 pay periods ending closest to the 15th of the month and divide that total by 12.

**"Hours worked"** includes time paid for sick leave, holidays, and vacation time. Include overtime hours actually worked; do not convert overtime pay to its equivalent in straight time hours.

**"Wages paid"**—Total wages paid before deductions of any kind (e.g., withholding taxes, old-age and unemployment insurance, group insurance, union dues, bonds, etc.). Include wages paid directly by your firm for overtime, holidays, vacations, and sick leave.

Item	Calendar year				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Average number of PRWs (number)					
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours)					
Wages paid to PRWs (\$1,000)					

II-20b. **Changes in employment.**—What percentage of any decrease in the number of PRWs from 2019 to 2023 were layoffs and what percentage of the decrease were re-assignments within the company?

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- II-21. **Related firms.**--If your firm reported transfers to related firms in questions II-12, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (*e.g.*, joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

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- II-22. **Importer.**--Since January 1, 2019, has your firm imported fine denier PSF?

**"Importer"** – The person or firm primarily liable for the payment of any duties on the merchandise, or an authorized agent acting on his behalf.

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	If yes-- <b><u>COMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE</u></b>

- II-23. **Other explanations:**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II that did not provide a narrative box, 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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**PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to Emily Kim (202-205-1800, [emily.kim@usitc.gov](mailto:emily.kim@usitc.gov)).

- III-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

- III-2. **Accounting system.**--Briefly describe your firm's financial accounting system.

- A.1. When does your firm's fiscal year end (month and day)? \_\_\_\_\_  
If your firm's fiscal year changed during the data-collection period, explain below:

\_\_\_\_\_

- A.2. Note: Calendar-year data are preferred for the annual-year financial data in this section (i.e., in questions III-9a, III-9c, III-9d, III-12a, and III-13a). However, if providing this data on a calendar-year basis is unduly burdensome or provides results that are not reliable, fiscal-year based data are acceptable. Please indicate whether the results in this section are provided on a calendar-year basis (including firms with a calendar-year based fiscal year) or on a fiscal-year basis that does not align with the calendar year.

☐ Calendar-year basis      ☐ Fiscal-year basis (does not align with the calendar year)

- B.1. Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include fine denier PSF:

\_\_\_\_\_

- B.2. Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for fine denier PSF:

☐ Yes      ☐ No

- B.3. Please indicate the type and frequency (if applicable) of financial statements prepared by your firm. Please check relevant items below.

Financial statements	Check all that apply	Frequency			
		Monthly	Quarterly	Semi-annually	Annually
Audited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unaudited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Annual reports	<input type="checkbox"/>				
SEC Forms 10-K / 10-Q	<input type="checkbox"/>				
SEC Form 20-F	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>				

B.4. Please indicate the primary accounting basis used by your firm.

Accounting basis	Check one
U.S. GAAP	<input type="checkbox"/>
IFRS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax – cash	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax – accrual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

III-3. **Cost accounting system.**--Briefly describe your firm's cost accounting system (*e.g.*, standard cost, job order cost, *etc.*).

III-4. **Product listing.**--Please list the products your firm produced in the facilities in which your firm produced fine denier PSF, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these products in your firm's most recent fiscal year.

Products	Share of sales
Fine denier PSF	%
	%
	%
	%
	%

- III-5. **Inputs from related suppliers.**--Does your firm purchase **inputs** (raw materials, labor, energy, or any services) used in the production of fine denier PSF from any related suppliers (e.g., inclusive of transactions between related firms, divisions and/or other components within the same company)?

☐ Yes--Continue to question III-6.      ☐ No--Continue to question III-8.

- III-6. **Inputs from related suppliers.**--Please identify the inputs used in the production of fine denier PSF that your firm purchases from related suppliers and that are reflected in question III-9a. For "Share of total COGS" please report this information by relevant input for your most recently completed fiscal year.

Input	Related supplier	Share of total COGS in 2023
		%
		%
		%
		%

- III-7a. **Inputs from related suppliers valuation method.**--Please indicate the purchase cost valuation method used for the inputs from related suppliers, as recorded in the company's own accounting system. If the basis differs by input, please check all that apply and explain further in the narrative box.

Purchase cost valuation method	Check all that apply
Related supplier's cost	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost plus	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negotiated transfer price to approximate fair market value	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the methods used differ by input, please describe:	

- III-7b. **Inputs from related suppliers valuation method.**--Please confirm that the inputs purchased from related suppliers, as identified in III-6, were reported in III-9a (financial results on fine denier PSF) in a manner consistent with the firm's accounting books and records.

Yes	No	If no—Provide an explanation and the valuation basis used for these inputs in question III-9a.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-8. **Allocation basis.**--Briefly describe the assignment/allocation bases used by your firm to assign the costs and expenses listed below for fine denier PSF in the normal course of business and in the financial results reported in question III-9a (e.g., actual costs, standard costs, percentage of COGS, percentage of sales, etc.).

<b>Cost/expense</b>	<b>Assignment/allocation bases used for fine denier PSF—</b>	
	<b>In the normal course of business</b>	<b>In the financial results at III-9a</b>
Raw materials		
Direct labor		
Other factory costs		
Selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expenses		
Interest expense		
Other income/expenses		

- III-9a. **Operations on fine denier PSF.**--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the fine denier PSF operations of your firm's U.S. establishment(s). Include only sales (whether domestic or exports) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations.

**Net sales**—Report all commercial sales, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms, whether these are domestic sales or exports. Report net sales values less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight, in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment. The freight costs associated with delivering the product to your customer should not be included.

Note: If the financial data are reported on a calendar-year basis, the total net sales quantities and values should match the total shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

**Internal consumption**—Product consumed internally by your firm. Report internal consumption at fair market value even if this is not how these transactions are valued in your own books and records. This would commonly be estimated based on the company's commercial sales of similar product or market knowledge.

**Transfers to related firms**—Sales made to related firms. Report transfers to related firms at fair market value even if this is not how these transactions are valued in your own books and records. This would commonly be estimated based on the company's commercial sales of similar product or market knowledge.

**Costs and expenses**—Include costs and expenses associated with all reported net sales (i.e., for both domestic and export commercial sales, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms). If any freight costs were removed from net sales values, ensure the associated costs are removed from the applicable cost/expense line.

**Inputs from related suppliers**—Any inputs purchased from related suppliers should be reported in a manner consistent with your firm's accounting books and records.

*Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the financial data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the financial data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (financial statements, including internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes fine denier PSF, as well as specific statements and worksheets) used to compile these data.*

III-9a. **Operations on fine denier PSF.--Continued**

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Years				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Net sales quantities:</b>					
Commercial sales					
Internal consumption					
Transfers to related firms					
Total net sales quantities	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Net sales values:</b>					
Commercial sales					
Internal consumption					
Transfers to related firms					
Total net sales values	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Cost of goods sold ("COGS"):</b>					
Purified terephthalic acid ("PTA")					
Monoethylene glycol ("MEG")					
Other material inputs <sup>1</sup>					
Raw Materials <sup>2</sup>	0	0	0	0	0
Direct labor					
Other factory costs					
Total COGS	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Gross profit or (loss)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SG&amp;A expenses</b>					
<b>Operating income (loss)</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Other expenses and income:</b>					
Interest expense					
All other expense items					
All other income items					
<b>Net income or (loss) before income taxes</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<sup>1</sup> If there are notable or significant raw material inputs included within the "other material inputs" category, please list those here and provide the share of the total raw material costs for which they account in 2023: _____ <sup>2</sup> Indicate if specific fine denier PSF products require different mix of raw materials (PTA, MEG, other) than overall fine denier PSF sales? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If yes, describe which products have a different raw material profile than overall fine denier PSF: _____					



- III-9b. **Financial data reconciliation.**-- Certain line items from question III-9a, including total net sales quantities and values, total COGS, gross profit (or loss), operating profit (or loss), and net income (or loss), have been calculated based on the data submitted for other line items. Are the data in these calculated line items correct according to your firm's financial records ignoring non-material differences that may arise due to rounding?

		<p><b>If no</b>--If the calculated line items do not show the correct data, please double check the feeder data for data entry errors and revise.</p> <p>Also, check signs accorded to the post operating income line items. The two expense line items should report positive numbers (i.e., expenses are positive, and incomes or reversals are negative in these lines – instances of the latter should be rare in these lines). The income line item should also, in most instances, be a positive number (i.e., income is positive, and expenses or reversals are negative in this line).</p> <p>If, after reviewing and potentially revising the feeder data your firm has provided, the differences between your records and the calculated line items persist, please identify and discuss the differences in the space below.</p>
<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-9c. **Fine denier PSF variable and fixed costs.**--For the total COGS and total SG&A expenses reported for the most recently completed annual period in table III-9a, please estimate the share of variable and fixed costs for each category, with the sum adding to 100 percent. The specified variable and fixed cost shares should be representative of the relevant range of production that the company could achieve under current capacity constraints.

Item	Share of 2023: COGS (percent)	Share of 2023: SG&A (percent)
Share of costs that are.--		
Variable	%	%
Fixed	%	%
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	0.0 %

III-9d. **Depreciation expense.**--Please report the amount of depreciation expense that is included within the reported financial results at question III-9a.

Item	Years				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Depreciation expense (in \$1,000)					

III-9e. **Depreciation expense classification.**--Please indicate the line item(s) within question III-9a (e.g., other factory costs, SG&A expenses, etc.) that include the depreciation expense reported above.

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**III-10a. Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in the fine denier PSF financial results.**--

Please report all material (significant) nonrecurring items (charges and gains) that are included in the reported results at question III-9a. If a nonrecurring item that is not product-specific was allocated to the results at question III-9a, please report the allocated value, below, rather than the aggregate amount.

Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported financial results for fine denier PSF in question III-9a.

Item	Years				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Value (in \$1,000)				
Nonrecurring item 1					
Nonrecurring item 2					
Nonrecurring item 3					
Nonrecurring item 4					
Nonrecurring item 5					
Nonrecurring item 6					
Nonrecurring item 7					

**III-10b. Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in the fine denier PSF financial results.**--In this table, please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item reported above and indicate the specific line item within question III-9a in which the nonrecurring item is classified.

Item	Description of the nonrecurring item	Location (i.e., line item) within question III-9a
Nonrecurring item 1		
Nonrecurring item 2		
Nonrecurring item 3		
Nonrecurring item 4		
Nonrecurring item 5		
Nonrecurring item 6		
Nonrecurring item 7		

**III-11. Classification of identified nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the accounting books and records of the company.**—If non-recurring items were reported in question III-10a above, please identify where your company recorded these items in your accounting books and records in the normal course of business, just as responses to question III-10 identify the specific line items in question III-9a where these items are reported.

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III-12a. **Asset values.**--Report the total assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of fine denier PSF. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for fine denier PSF in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with relevant cost allocations used in question III-9a.

**Note:** Total assets should reflect the net amount of assets (i.e., after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted) and should be allocated to fine denier PSF if these assets are also related to other products.

Value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Years				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Total assets (net)</b>					

III-12b. **Description of asset values.**—Please provide explanations for any substantial changes in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to write-offs, major purchases, and revaluations. Also describe the main asset categories (both current and long-term) included in the above response.

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III-13a. **Capital expenditures and research and development ("R&D") expenses.**--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses for fine denier PSF.

Value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Years				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital expenditures					
R&D expenses					

III-13b. **Description of reported capital expenditures.**--Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's reported capital expenditures. If no capital expenditure data were reported, please explain the reason.

III-13c. **Description of reported R&D expenses.**--Please describe the nature, focus, and significance of your firm's reported R&D expenses.

III-13d. **Maintenance and repair.**-- Report estimated annual maintenance and repair expenses your firm expects to incur in the future in relation to maintaining its fine denier PSF productive capabilities and indicate whether your firm has been able to maintain these levels during January 2019-2023.

III-14a. **Data consistency and reconciliation.**--The quantities and values of total net sales reported in question III-9a should reconcile with the total shipments reported in question II-12 (including export shipments) for the annual-year periods as long as they are reported on the same calendar-year basis.

If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0") this indicates the total net sales quantities and values do not match the total shipments quantities and values.

Reconciliation	Years				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<b>Quantity:</b> Trade data from question II-12 (lines D, F, H, and J) less financial total net sales quantity data from question III-9a, = zero ("0").	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Value:</b> Trade data from question II-12 (lines E, G, I, and K) less financial total net sales value data from question III-9a, = zero ("0").	0	0	0	0	0

Is the financial data in question III-9a reported on a calendar-year basis?

☐ Yes— Complete question III-14b.

☐ No— Complete question III-15

III-14b. **Data consistency and reconciliation (calendar-year based financial data).**--Do the data in question III-9a reconcile with the data in question II-12 (i.e., the calculated fields are returning zeros in the table above) for all periods?

Yes	No	If no, please explain.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-15. **Effects of imports on investment.**--Since January 1, 2019, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its return on investment, the scale of capital investments as a result of imports of fine denier PSF?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, my firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cancellation, postponement, or rejection of expansion projects	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Denial or rejection of investment proposal	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reduction in the size of capital investments	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Return on specific investments negatively impacted	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability to generate adequate capital to finance the modernization of domestic plants and equipment	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability to maintain existing levels of expenditures for research and development	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

- III-16. **Effects of imports on growth and development.**--Since January 1, 2019, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its growth, ability to raise capital, or existing development and production efforts (including efforts to develop a derivative or more advanced version of the product) as a result of imports of fine denier PSF?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, my firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>		<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rejection of bank loans	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lowering of credit rating	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Problem related to the issue of stocks or bonds	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability to service debt	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	

- III-17. **Anticipated effects of imports.**--Does your firm anticipate any negative effects due to imports of fine denier PSF?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, my firm anticipates negative effects as follows:</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



- III-18. **Effects on financial performance of COVID-19.**—Has the COVID-19 pandemic, or any government actions taken to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus, affected the financial performance of your firm's operations on fine denier PSF as reported in question III-9a? In your response, please include the duration and timing of any impacts as they relate to your firm's financial performance.

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

- III-19. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III 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.

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**PART IV.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS**

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Eric Sguazzin (202-205-3463, [eric.sguazzin@usitc.gov](mailto:eric.sguazzin@usitc.gov)).

- IV-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

**PRICE DATA**

- IV-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2019 of the following products produced by your firm.

**Product 1.**--Virgin polyester staple fiber, measuring 0.85 denier to less than 1.15 denier, solid and round cross section, dry, 32-38mm cut length, with tenacity measuring above 5.0 grams per denier. Exclude biodegradable, siliconized, and black or other colored fiber.

**Product 2.**--Virgin polyester staple fiber, measuring 1.15 denier through and including 1.8 denier, solid and round cross section, dry, 32-38mm cut length, with tenacity measuring above 5.0 grams per denier. Exclude biodegradable, siliconized, and black or other colored fiber.

**Product 3.**--Virgin polyester staple fiber, 1.15 denier through and including 1.8 denier, solid and round cross section, dry, 32-38mm cut length, with tenacity measuring 3.0-5.0 grams per denier. Exclude biodegradable, siliconized, and black or other colored fiber.

**Product 4.**--Virgin polyester staple fiber, measuring greater than 1.8 denier and less than 3.0 denier, solid and round cross section, dry, 32-38mm cut length, with tenacity measuring above 5.0 grams per denier. Exclude biodegradable, siliconized, and black or other colored fiber.

"Biodegradable" fine denier PSF can degrade by at least 50% within 400 days.

Please note that values should be **f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment** and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

- (a) During January 2019-December 2023, did your firm produce and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes.</b> --Please complete the following pricing data table as appropriate.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No.</b> --Skip to question IV-3.

IV-2b. **Price data.**--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> produced and sold by your firm.

Report data in **actual pounds** (not 1,000s) and **actual dollars** (not 1,000s).

(Quantity in pounds, value in actual dollars)								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
<b>2019:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2020:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2021:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2022:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
<b>2023:</b>								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								

<sup>1</sup> Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

<sup>2</sup> Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

**Note.**--If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of the product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.

Product 1:

Product 2:

Product 3:

Product 4:

IV-2c. **Price data checklist.**--Please check that the pricing data in question IV-2(b) have been correctly reported.

Are the price data reported above:	<b>✓ if Yes</b>
In actual dollars ( <b>not</b> \$1,000) and actual pounds ( <b>not</b> 1,000)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Valued f.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., exclude U.S. inland transportation costs)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reported net of all discounts, rebates, and returns (deducted from the quarter in which the original sale occurred)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reported for commercial U.S. shipments only (i.e., exclude internal consumption, transfers, and exports)?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Less than or equal to the quantities and values reported in part II for commercial U.S. shipments in each period?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Explanation(s) for any boxes not checked:	

IV-2d. **Pricing data methodology.**--Please describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.

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

IV-3. **Price setting.**--How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of fine denier PSF (*check all that apply*)?

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-4. **Discount policy.**--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-5. **Pricing terms.**--On what basis are your firm's prices of domestic fine denier PSF usually quoted (check one)?

<b>Delivered</b>	<b>F.o.b.</b>	<b>If f.o.b., specify point</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-6. **Contract versus spot.**-- Approximately what shares of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced fine denier PSF in 2023 were on the basis of (1) short-term contracts, (2) annual contracts, (3) long-term contracts, and (4) spot sales?

	Type of sale				Total (should sum to 100.0%)
	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	
<b>Share of 2023 sales</b>	%	%	%	%	0.0 %

IV-7. **Contract provisions.**— Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for U.S.-produced fine denier PSF (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a short-term, annual and/or long-term contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	<i>No. of days</i>		365	
Price renegotiation (during contract period)	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indexed to raw material costs <sup>1</sup>	<i>Yes</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>No</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the indexes used:				

- IV-8. **Lead times.**-- What share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced fine denier PSF was from inventory and produced to order, and what was the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced fine denier PSF?

Source	Share of 2023 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

- IV-9. **Shipping information.**--

- (a) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?  
☐ Your firm    ☐ Purchaser (*check one*)
- (b) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of fine denier PSF that are delivered the following distances from your firm's production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
<b>Total</b> (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

- IV-10. **Geographical shipments.**--In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold its U.S.-produced fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019 (check all that apply)?

Geographic area	✓ if applicable
<b>Northeast.</b> --CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Midwest.</b> --IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Southeast.</b> --AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Central Southwest.</b> --AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Mountains.</b> --AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Pacific Coast.</b> --CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other.</b> --All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI.	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-11. **Inland transportation costs.**—What is the approximate percentage of the cost of U.S.-produced fine denier PSF that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? \_\_\_\_\_ percent

IV-12. **End uses.**—List the end uses of the fine denier PSF that your firm manufactures. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by fine denier PSF and other inputs?

End-use product	Share of total cost of end use product accounted for by		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	Fine denier PSF	Other inputs	
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

IV-13. **Substitutes.**—Can other products be substituted for fine denier PSF?

☐ No

☐ Yes--Please fill out the table.

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

IV-14. **Availability of supply.**—Has the availability of fine denier PSF in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2019?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
<b>Changes since January 1, 2019:</b>			
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from all countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Anticipated changes:</b>			
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from all countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	



- IV-15. **Demand trends.**— Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for fine denier PSF steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2019? Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Select one box per row.

Market	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	Steadily decrease	Explanation and factors
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"/>	

- IV-16. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019?

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

- IV-17. **Business cycles.**--Is the fine denier PSF 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, 2019.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- IV-18. **Conditions of competition.**--Is the fine denier PSF market subject to conditions of competition distinctive to fine denier PSF 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, 2019.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- IV-19. **Supply disruptions.**--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019 (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, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

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

IV-20. **Raw materials.**-- Have fine denier PSF raw material prices steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2019? Please indicate the trend, if known, for each of the following raw materials, including any raw material supply disruptions since January 1, 2019:

Select one box per row.

Price changes for raw materials since January 1, 2019	Do not know	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	Steadily decrease
MEG	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PTA	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post-consumer recycled (PCR) bottle flake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clean bottle flake	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for fine denier PSF.	
Explain what actions your firm has taken to control raw material costs, including consideration of other raw material suppliers both within and outside the United States.	

IV-21. **Interchangeability.**--Is fine denier PSF produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	No familiarity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your firm reported that U.S.-produced fine denier PSF are <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable with fine denier PSF produced in other countries, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:				

- IV-22. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between fine denier PSF produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	No familiarity
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If your firm reported that factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of fine denier PSF, please report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors :				

- IV-23. **Competition from imports.**--

- (a) **Lost revenue.**--Since January 1, 2019: To avoid losing sales to competitors selling imported fine denier PSF, did your firm:

Item	No	Yes
Reduce prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roll back announced price increases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) **Lost sales.**--Since January 1, 2019: Did your firm lose sales of fine denier PSF to imports of this product?

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

- (a) If you checked a "yes" box above in IV-23 (a) or (b), please estimate the total amount of sales and/or revenue lost, and when:

Lost sales: \_\_\_\_\_

Lost revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

- (b) If you checked "no" in all the boxes in IV-23 (a) and (b), and your firm's U.S. commercial shipments have decreased over 2019-2023, please explain why: \_\_\_\_\_

- IV-24. **Other explanations.**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part IV that did not provide a narrative response box, 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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