

U.S. PURCHASERS' 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 Inv. No. 201-TA-078, fine denier polyester staple 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)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from Eric Sguazzin (202-205-3463, eric.sguazzin@usitc.gov).

Name of firm _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Website _____

Has your firm purchased fine denier PSF (as defined on next page) from any source (domestic or foreign) at any time since January 1, 2019?

☐ **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: **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

Phone:

Signature

Email address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on February 28, 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

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.

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

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. § 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 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 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 20 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please provide such comments to the Office of Investigations, import_injury@usitc.gov.

- 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 #abbrproduct, 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 fine denier PSF, import fine denier PSF into the United States, or export fine denier PSF 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

PART II.--PURCHASES

Contact information.-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-1. **Purchases and imports.**--Report separately your firm's domestic purchases and imports of fine denier PSF.

"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.

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Item	Quantity (in pounds)				
Purchases of fine denier PSF produced in—					
United States					
Canada					
China					
India					
Indonesia					
Mexico					
South Korea					
Taiwan					
Thailand					
Turkey					
Vietnam					
All other FTA sources (Australia, Columbia, Israel, Jordan, Panama, Peru, Singapore, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)					
All other sources: ¹					
Sources unknown ²					
Total purchases	0	0	0	0	0

II-1. Purchases and imports.--Continued.

Item	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
	Quantity (in pounds)				
Imports of fine denier PSF from—					
Canada					
China					
India					
Indonesia					
Mexico					
South Korea					
Taiwan					
Thailand					
Turkey					
Vietnam					
All other FTA sources (Australia, Columbia, Israel, Jordan, Panama, Peru, Singapore, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)					
All other sources: ¹					
Total imports ³	0	0	0	0	0
¹ Please identify these sources: ² Please indicate the firm(s) from which you purchased this merchandise: ³ If your firm imported fine denier at any time since January 1, 2019, please also complete and return a U.S. importers' questionnaire in this proceeding.					

II-2. Effect of U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty orders.

(a) Did your firm purchase fine denier PSF prior to 2017?

☐ No--skip to (c) ☐ Yes

(b) If yes, has your pattern of purchasing fine denier PSF changed since the United States imposed antidumping and/or countervailing duty orders on imports from China, India, South Korea, and/or Taiwan? Check all that apply

Source	Check only one per source (row)				Please explain the reasons other than the order.
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged from this source.	Yes, we discontinued purchases from this source because of the order.	Yes, we reduced purchases from this source because of the order.	Yes, we changed the pattern of purchases from this source, but for reasons other than the order.	
China	<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"/>	
South Korea	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Taiwan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(c) Has your pattern of purchasing fine denier PSF from sources other than China, India, South Korea, and Taiwan changed since 2017?

We did not purchase from other foreign sources before or after the order	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.	Yes, we increased purchases from other foreign sources because of the order.	Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from other foreign sources for reasons other than the order.	Please explain the reasons other than the order.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-3. **Changes in purchasing patterns.**-- Please indicate whether the shares of your firm's purchases of fine denier PSF steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2019 from the listed sources.

Select one box per row.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Steadily increased	Fluctuated up	No change	Fluctuated down	Steadily decreased	Explanation for trend
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other sources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-4. **Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.**—

- (a) Since January 2019, did your firm import and/or purchase imports of fine denier PSF instead of purchasing U.S.-produced fine denier PSF?

Yes (also respond to parts (b) and (c))	No (If "No", skip to next question)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

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

Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased and/or imported instead of domestic product since January 2019 (in pounds)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm imported and/or purchased imports instead of domestic product
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
If the quantity reported above exceeds the total quantity reported in II-1, please explain.			

II-5. U.S. producers and import competition.—

- (a) Since January 1, 2019, in connection with a sale or offer to sell fine denier PSF to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced fine denier PSF in order to compete with lower-priced imports of fine denier PSF from the subject countries?

Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If “No”, skip to next question)	Don’t know
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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
%	

- II-6. Purchases from one country only.—**If your firm has purchased fine denier PSF from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so.

- II-7. Supplier identification.—**Please list your firm’s FIVE largest suppliers for fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019, by quantity. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm’s total purchases of fine denier PSF 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 fine denier PSF (check all that apply)?

End user (woven or knit application)	End user (non-woven application)	Distributor	Other	Describe other
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

If your firm is a distributor of fine denier PSF, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

- III-2. **Competition for sales.**--Do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase fine denier PSF?

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 you sell fine denier PSF?

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If your firm is an end user of fine denier PSF, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

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

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

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

- (a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating fine denier PSF steadily decreased, fluctuated but ended lower, were constant, fluctuated but ended higher, or steadily increased since January 1, 2019?

Select one answer.

Steadily increased	Fluctuated up	Constant	Fluctuated down	Steadily decreased
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for fine denier PSF?

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

III-6. **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"/>	

III-7. **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"/>	

III-8. **Country preferences.**-- Do you or your customers ever prefer to order fine denier PSF produced in a specific country or countries over other possible country sources of supply?

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

- III-9. **Importance of purchasing domestic product.**--Please fill out the table below, estimating the share of your firm's total 2023 purchases of fine denier PSF that required fine denier PSF produced in the United States.

	Estimated share of your firm's total 2023 purchases of fine denier PSF
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-10. **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"/>	

- III-11. **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"/>	

- III-12. **Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.**-- How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving fine denier PSF based on its producer or country of origin?

Item	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain noting the producers and/or countries.
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"/>	

- III-13. **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.
U.S.-produced product	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Imports from all other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-14. **Supply constraints.**-- Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with 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, being unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)? If there are constraints specific to particular types of specialty fine denier PSF products (e.g., antimony free PSF, cobalt free PSF, cationic PSF, fine denier PSF with PCR content, short cut fine denier PSF, black or other colored fine denier PSF, GRS certified siliconized fine denier PSF, siliconized fine denier PSF, micro denier fine denier PSF, biodegradable fine denier PSF, and atmospherically dyable PSF) please include that in the description.

No	Yes	If yes, please rate by source of supply the frequency of these supply constraints since January 1, 2019 and describe the specific firm(s), constraint(s) involved, and timing of the discussed constraint(s)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Source	Frequent	Occasional	Rarely or never	Don't know	Describe
United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
All other countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-15. **U.S. producer closure impacts.**--Has your firm been impacted by the closure of production facilities by U.S. producers of fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms and facilities involved, and indicate how and where your firm has found alternative sources of supply for its purchases of fine denier PSF it previously sourced from those firms/facilities.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- III-16. **Availability of specific product types.**--Are certain grades/types/sizes of fine denier PSF only available from certain country sources?

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

- III-17. **Purchasing frequency.**--

- (a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of fine denier PSF (check one)?

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

- (b) Has this purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2019?

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

- III-18. **Raw material prices.**--

- (a) Is your firm familiar with the prices for raw materials used in the production of fine denier PSF?

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 fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019?

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

- III-19. **Number of suppliers contacted.**--How many suppliers of fine denier PSF does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between ____ and ____ firms

III-20. **Supplier negotiations.**--Do your firm's purchases of fine denier PSF usually involve negotiations between your firm and suppliers of fine denier PSF?

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-21. **Change in suppliers.**--Has your firm changed suppliers since January 1, 2019?

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-22. **New suppliers or new country sources.**--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, or new country sources (for imports) that have entered the market since January 1, 2019?

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

III-23. **Supplier certification.**--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell fine denier PSF 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-24. **Failure to certify.**--Since January 1, 2019, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their fine denier PSF with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

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

- III-25. **Major purchasing factors.**--Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase fine denier PSF (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-26. **Purchasing factors.**--Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for fine denier PSF.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biodegradable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coating (e.g., silicon)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coloring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut length	<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"/>
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"/>
Recycled content	<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-27. **Quality characteristics.**--What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of fine denier PSF?

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- III-28. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the fine denier PSF that is offered at the lowest price?

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

- III-29. **Choice of product not based on price.**--If you purchased fine denier PSF from one country source although a comparable product was available from another country source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country).

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- III-30. **Effect of safeguard.**--Please describe the likely effect of an imposition of safeguard relief from imports of fine denier PSF on your firm's purchases.

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PART IV.--PRODUCT COMPARISONS

- IV-1. **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-2. **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-3. **Factor country comparisons.**--For the factors listed below, please rate how domestically purchased fine denier PSF compares with imported fine denier PSF.

Factor	Product from <u>United States</u> compared to imported product		
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Biodegradable	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coating (e.g., silicon)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coloring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut length	<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"/>
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"/>
Recycled content	<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 country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.			

PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at:

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

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

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

Web address: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>

Pin: **FDEN**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to eric.sguazzin@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.*

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

Parties to this proceeding.— If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 206.17). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission’s Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 206.17). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.