

## FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### FINE DENIER POLYESTER STAPLE FIBER

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **April 17, 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 requested under the authority of Section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Website \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced or exported fine denier PSF (as defined on next page) 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)

Data reported in this questionnaire relate to a firm(s) located in (Check one):

☐ Canada ☐ China ☐ India ☐ Indonesia ☐ Mexico ☐ South Korea ☐ Taiwan ☐ Thailand

☐ Turkey ☐ Vietnam

☐ Other FTA countries (Australia, Colombia, Israel, Jordan, Panama, Peru, Singapore, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua)

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (please list country)

Return questionnaire via the Commission *Drop Box* by clicking on the following link:

<https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>. (PIN: **F DEN**)

#### 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, 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, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

**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.

**Valid number error messages.**--If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Kristina Lara (202-205-3386, [kristina.lara@usitc.gov](mailto:kristina.lara@usitc.gov)).

- I-1. **Reporting requirements.**--Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of completing this questionnaire for use by the Office of Management and Budget.

Hours	Dollars

Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 30 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](mailto:import_injury@usitc.gov).

- I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

**"Establishment"**-- Each facility of a firm in a country involved in the production or export of fine denier PSF, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities. Firms operating more than one establishment in a country should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

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***“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.

- I-3. **Related producers.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce fine denier PSF in the United States or other countries?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission’s producer questionnaire.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- I-4. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import fine denier PSF into the United States?

<b>No</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>If yes, Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission’s importer questionnaire.</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- I-5. **Stock symbol information.**-- If your firm or any of the entities reported in questions I-2 through I-4 are publicly traded in the United States, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol (including American Depositary Receipts, if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_.

- I-6. **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-7. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, contacts, email addresses, telephone numbers, and street addresses (not P.O. boxes) of the **TEN** largest U.S. importers of your firm's fine denier PSF in 2023.

Importer's name		Contact person	Email	Telephone	Share of your firm's 2023 U.S. exports (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					

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

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Kristina Lara (202-205-3386, [kristina.lara@usitc.gov](mailto:kristina.lara@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	
<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)	

- 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, and shipments (including exports to the United States) 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.

No	Yes	If yes, describe these changes including the impact over time on the (a) supply chain and (b) production and shipments with respect to fine denier PSF.
<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 (as noted above) relating to the production of fine denier PSF in the future?

No	Yes	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 them.
<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 establishment(s) in the country identified by your firm on page 1, 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*

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	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 fine denier PSF 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
<p><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.</p> <p><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" and "practical" overall production capacities.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Data entered in question II-12 for this indicator will populate here.</p> <p><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.</p> <p><sup>5</sup> Please identify these products: _____.</p>					

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 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> <i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>	<b>Description</b> <i>(If checked, please describe the details, timing, and duration of the constraint; leave completely blank if not applicable)</i>
<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.

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- 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.

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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	If yes, i.e., have produced other products or are able to produce other Products, please identify other actual or potential products:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- (b) Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production 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	If yes— Please describe the factors that affect your firm's ability to shift production 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. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of fine denier PSF? \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
- II-7. **Firm's estimated share of production in the country identified by your firm on page 1.**--Please estimate the percentage of total production of fine denier PSF in the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's production in 2023. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.
- II-8. **Firm's estimated share of country's exports.**--Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of fine denier PSF from the country specified on the certification page accounted for by your firm's exports in 2023. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

- II-9. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the fine denier PSF exported by your firm subject to antidumping/countervailing duty/safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings?

No	Yes	If yes, List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings:
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

- II-10. **Effect of U.S. orders.** Describe the significance, if any, of the existing U.S. antidumping and countervailing duty orders on imports of fine denier PSF from China, India, South Korea, and Taiwan and the antidumping orders on imports of fine denier PSF from China and India on your firm's production, capacity, U.S. exports, inventories, purchases, or other indicators. 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 specific orders.

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- II-11. **Other export markets.**--Identify export markets (other than the United States) that your firm has developed or where it has increased its sales of fine denier PSF since January 1, 2019. Please identify and discuss below.

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- II-12. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of fine denier PSF in your establishment(s) in the country indicated on page 1 during the specified periods. Do not include resales of fine denier PSF that your firm did not produce in this question; those data to the degree they are exported to the United States should only be reported in question II-13.

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

Do not submit data on multiple countries combined. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country of the firm's address reported on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each country.

**"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 establishment(s), including production consumed internally within your firm.

**"Shipments"** --Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in the country indicated on page 1. Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**"Home market commercial shipments"** --Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within the country indicated on page 1.

**"Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms"** --Shipments made to related firms in the country indicated on page 1, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**"Export shipments"** --Shipments to destinations outside the country indicated on page 1, 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. **Trade data**--Continued.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)							
	Calendar year					Projections <sup>1</sup>	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Practical fine denier PSF capacity<sup>2</sup> (A)</b>							
<b>Beginning-of-period inventories (B)</b>							
<b>Production of:<sup>3</sup></b> Black or other colored fine denier PSF							
Other fine denier PSF							
Total, in-scope fine denier PSF (C)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Home market shipments:</b> Internal consumption/transfers (D)							
Commercial home market shipments (E)							
<b>Export shipments:</b> to the United States (F)							
to all other markets <sup>4</sup> (G)							
<b>Total exports (quantity) (H)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total shipments (quantity) (I)</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>End-of-period inventories (J)</b>							

<sup>1</sup> Explain the basis for your firm's projections. \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>2</sup> Report your firm's practical fine denier PSF capacity consistent with the definitions and instructions included in question II-3a.

<sup>3</sup> Report the percentage of your firm's fine denier PSF production in 2023 that had the following characteristics:  
 50% or greater post-consumer recycled (PCR) content: \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
 Short cut: \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
 Black or other colored: \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
 Siliconized: \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
 Micro denier (i.e., <=1.0 denier) \_\_\_\_\_ percent  
 Biodegradable (by at least 50% within 400 days): \_\_\_\_\_ percent

<sup>4</sup> Identify your firm's principal *other* export markets: \_\_\_\_\_.

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

	Calendar year					Projections	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
B + C – D – E – F – G – J = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. <sup>1</sup>	0	0	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. **Exports to the United States not produced by your firm.**--Report your firm's exports to the United States of fine denier PSF that was produced in the country identified by your firm on page 1 but not by your firm during the specified periods. Note these data should **not** be included in question II-12.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections <sup>1</sup>	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Exports of fine denier PSF to the United States not produced by your firm <sup>1</sup>							
<sup>1</sup> List the producer(s). _____.							

- II-14. **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.



**Correcting Valid number error messages.**--If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

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

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

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

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

The screenshot shows the 'Region and Language' window with the 'Formats' tab selected. The 'Format' dropdown is set to 'Italian (Italy)'. Under 'Date and time formats', the settings are: Short date: dd/MM/yyyy, Long date: dddd d MMMM yyyy, Short time: HH:mm, Long time: HH:mm:ss, and First day of week: lunedì. A link 'What does the notation mean?' is present. The 'Examples' section shows: Short date: 03/11/2015, Long date: martedì 3 novembre 2015, Short time: 10:35, and Long time: 10:35:44. At the bottom are 'Additional settings...', 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons.

The screenshot shows the 'Region and Language' window with the 'Formats' tab selected. The 'Format' dropdown is set to 'English (United States)'. Under 'Date and time formats', the settings are: Short date: M/d/yyyy, Long date: dddd, MMMM dd, yyyy, Short time: h:mm tt, Long time: h:mm:ss tt, and First day of week: Sunday. A link 'What does the notation mean?' is present. The 'Examples' section shows: Short date: 8/6/2015, Long date: Thursday, August 06, 2015, Short time: 2:47 PM, and Long time: 2:47:25 PM. At the bottom are 'Additional settings...', 'OK', 'Cancel', and 'Apply' buttons.

## 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](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 [kristina.lara@usitc.gov](mailto:kristina.lara@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 did not produce or export 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, you are required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission’s Secretary (202-205-1802). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).