U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

ACTIVE ANODE MATERIAL FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>January 2, 2025</u>

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

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing and antidumping duty investigations concerning active anode material from China (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-752 and 731-TA-1730 (Preliminary)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

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- I	Has your firm imported active anode material (as defined on next page) from any country at any time since January 1, 2021?					
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background</u>.-- This proceeding was instituted in response to petitions filed on December 18, 2024, by the American Active Anode Material Producers, the members of which are Anovion Technologies, Sanborn, New York; Syrah Technologies LLC, Vidalia, Louisiana; NOVONIX Anode Materials LLC, Chattanooga, Tennessee; Epsilon Advanced Materials, Leland, North Carolina; and SKI US, Inc., Marietta, Georgia. Countervailing and/or antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. 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/8249/investigation/8680.

<u>Active anode material</u> covered by this proceeding is active anode material, whether synthetic, natural, or a blend of synthetic or natural; with or without coating; regardless of whether in powder, dry, liquid, or any other form. Subject merchandise typically has a maximum size of 80 microns. Subject merchandise has an energy density of 330 milliamp hours per gram or greater and a degree of graphitization of 80% or greater. Subject merchandise can be referred to as "active anode material."

Subject merchandise is covered regardless of whether it is mixed with silicon based active materials, e.g., silicon-oxide (SiOx), silicon-carbon (SiC), or silicon, or additives such as carbon black or carbon nanotubes. Subject merchandise is covered regardless of the combination of compounds that comprise the graphite material; the graphite contained in the subject merchandise has a minimum purity content of 90% carbon. Subject merchandise is covered regardless of whether it is imported independently, as part of a compound, in a battery, as a component of an anode slurry, or in a subassembly of a battery such as an electrode. Only the anode grade graphite material is covered when entered as part of a mixture with silicon based active materials, as part of a compound, in a battery, as a component of an anode slurry, or in a subassembly of a battery such as an electrode.

Active anode material subject to the investigations may be classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheadings 2504.10.5000 and 3801.10.5000. Subject merchandise may also be imported under HTSUS subheading 3801.90.0000. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes only. The written description of the scope of the investigations is dispositive.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing active anode material (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

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

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

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

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

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>—If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue are provided at the end of this questionnaire and are available upon request from Calvin Chang (202-205-3062, <u>calvin.chang@usitc.gov</u>).

<u>D-GRIDS tool.</u>--The Commission has a tool that firms can use to move data from their own MS Excel compilation files into self-contained data tables within this MS Word questionnaire, thereby reducing the amount of cell-by-cell data entry that would be required to complete this form. This tool is a macroenabled MS Excel file available for download from the Commission's generic questionnaires webpage (https://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/question.htm) called the "D-GRIDs tool." Use of this tool to help your firm complete this questionnaire is <u>optional</u>. Firms opting to use the D-GRIDs tool to populate their data into this questionnaire will need the D-GRIDs specification sheet PDF file specific to this proceeding (available on the case page which is linked under the "Background" above) which includes the necessary references relating to this questionnaire, as well as the macro-enable MS Excel D-GRIDs tool itself from the generic questionnaires page. More detailed instructions on how to use the D-GRIDs tool are available within the D-GRIDs tool itself.

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"Related firm" –A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled
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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'`	YesList the following information.	
Firm name	Country	Affiliation
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Importing operation	nsPlease indicate the nature of your fi	rm's importing operations on a

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I-8. **FTZ or bonded warehouses**.--Please indicate whether your firm admits active anode material into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.

"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, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designated as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

"Bonded warehouse" is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designated as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

Item	No	Yes	Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) admitted in 2023
Foreign trade zones			
Bonded warehouses			

I-9. Other trade actions.--To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

No	Yes	If yes, Yes-Please specify.

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). **Supply all data requested on a calvin.chang@usitc.gov**).

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

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

II-2a. <u>Changes in operations.--</u>Has your firm experienced any changes in ownership or in the nature of its importing operations for active anode material since January 1, 2021?

No	Yes	If yes, supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and describe reasons for the changes, including any underlying assumptions used.

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, importation, employment, and shipments relating to active anode material since January 1, 2021? In your response, please discuss the duration and timing of any such changes as they relate to your firm's operations.

No	If yes, describe these changes including the impact over time on the (a) supply chain, (b) importation and shipments, and (c) employment with respect to active anode material.

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	No	Yes								
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				Period						
	Sou	ırce	Oct-Dec 2024	Jan-Mar 2025	Apr-Jun 2025	Jul-Sept 2025				
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Definitions

"Imports" –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty).

"Import quantities" —Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Import values"—Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

"Commercial U.S. 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 firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"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-5a. <u>U.S. imports from China</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of active anode material imported from China by your firm during the specified periods.

China

Qua	antity (<i>in 1,000</i>	<i>pounds);</i> Valu	e (<i>in \$1,000</i>)		
		Calendar year	January-S	eptember	
ltem	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports classified under: ¹ Primary HTS numbers ² Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
Other HTS numbers: ³ Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption: ⁴ Quantity (H)					
Value³ (I)					
Transfers to related firms: ⁴ Quantity (J)					
Value³ (K)					
Export shipments: ⁵ Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (N)					
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II-5a. U.S. imports from China.—Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line N) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., lines B and D), less total shipments (i.e., lines F, H, J, and L). 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			January-September	
Reconciliation	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0

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

II-5b. Channels of distribution: China.--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from China by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

China

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)							
		Calendar year	January-September				
ltem	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024		
Channels of distribution:							
U.S. shipments:							
To distributors (O)							
To automotive end users (including							
electric vehicle manufacturers) (P)							
To other battery manufacturers (Q)							
To other end users¹ (R)							
¹ Please identify other end users							

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O through R) in each time period equal the quantities reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., line F, H, J) in each time period in question II-5a. 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.

		Calendar year	January-S	eptember	
Reconciliation item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
O + P + Q + R - F - H - J = zero ("0"), if					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5c. Imports by composition: China.--Report your firm's imports of active anode material from China by the composition (e.g., independently, in a battery, in a subassembly of a battery such as an electrode, or as part of compound) during the specified periods. For those active anode material that are imported as part of a battery or attached to out-of-scope components (e.g., electrode, anode slurry, or silicon based active materials), please report only the quantity and value of the in-scope active anode material (reasonable estimates are acceptable), rather than the broader merchandise to which they were attached or mixed.

China

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds); Value (in \$1,000)								
		Calendar year	January-September					
Item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024			
U.S. imports of: Loose active anode material: Quantity (S)								
Value (T)								
Active anode material in batteries: Quantity (U)								
Value (V)								
Active anode material as parts of a subassembly or compound (e.g., electrode, anode slurry, mixture with silicon based active materials) Quantity (W)								
Value (X)		_						

<u>RECONCILIATION OF IMPORTS BY COMPOSITION.</u>--Please ensure that the quantities (i.e., lines S, U, and W) and values (i.e., lines T, V, and X) reported for imports by composition in each time period equal the quantities (i.e., lines B and D) and values (i.e., lines C and E) reported for imports in each time period in question II-5a. 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.

		Calendar year	January-September		
Reconciliation item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Quantity: $S + U + W - B - D = zero$					
("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value: $T + V + X - C - E = zero ("0"), if$					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-5d. <u>U.S. shipments by product form: China</u>.—Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms in the United States) of imports from China by product form during the specified periods.

China

Quantity (<i>in 1,000 pounds</i>); Value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)								
		Calendar year		January-September				
Item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024			
U.S. shipments:								
Natural								
Quantity (Y)								
Value (Z)								
Synthetic								
Quantity (AA)								
Value (AB)								
Blended ¹								
Quantity (AC)								
Value (AD)								
	¹ For your U.S. shipments in January-September 2024, please report the average share of natural active anode material and the average share of synthetic active anode material in your blend:							

<u>RECONCILIATION OF U.S. SHIPMENTS BY PRODUCT FORM.</u>—Please ensure that the quantities (i.e., lines Y, AA, and AC) and values (i.e., lines Z, AB, and AD) reported for U.S. shipments by product form in each time period equal the quantities (i.e., lines F, H, and J) and values (i.e., lines G, I, and K) reported for U.S. shipments in each time period in question II-5a. 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.

		Calendar year	January-September		
Reconciliation item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Quantity: $Y + AA + AC - F - H - J =$ zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0
Value: $Z + AB + AD - G - I - K = zero$ ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6a. <u>Imports from all other sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of active anode material imported from **all other sources** by your firm during the specified periods.

All other sources

(List sources:	
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Qu	antity (<i>in 1,00</i> 0	<i>pounds);</i> Valu	e (<i>in \$1,000</i>)		
		Calendar year		January-S	eptember
ltem	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)					
Imports classified under: ¹ Primary HTS numbers ² Quantity (B)					
Value (C)					
Other HTS numbers: ³ Quantity (D)					
Value (E)					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity (F)					
Value (G)					
Internal consumption: ⁴ Quantity (H)					
Value³ (I)					
Transfers to related firms: ⁴ Quantity (J)					
Value³ (K)					
Export shipments: ⁵ Quantity (L)					
Value (M)					
End-of-period inventories: (quantity) (N)					
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II-6a. Imports from all other sources.—Continued

RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line N) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., lines B and D), less total shipments (i.e., lines F, H, J, and L). 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			January-September	
Reconciliation	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
A + B + D - F - H - J - L - N = should equal zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	0	0

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

II-6b. <u>Channels of distribution: All other sources</u>.-- Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., inclusive of commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms) of imports from all other sources by channel of distribution during the specified periods.

All other sources

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)					
	Calendar year			January-September	
Item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments: To distributors (O)					
To automotive end users (including electric vehicle manufacturers) (P)					
To other battery manufacturers (Q)					
To other end users ¹ (R)					
¹ Please identify other end users		•	•		

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines O through R) in each time period equal the quantities reported for U.S. shipments (i.e., line F, H, J) in each time period in question II-6a. 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.

	Calendar year January-Sept			eptember	
Reconciliation item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024
O + P + Q + R - F - H - J = zero ("0"), if					
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0

II-6c. <u>Imports by composition: All other sources</u>.--Report your firm's imports of active anode material from all other sources by the composition (e.g., independently, in a battery, in a subassembly of a battery such as an electrode, or as part of compound) during the specified periods. For those active anode material that are imported as part of a battery or attached to out-of-scope components (e.g., electrode, anode slurry, or silicon based active materials), please report only the quantity and value of the in-scope active anode material (reasonable estimates are acceptable), rather than the broader merchandise to which they were attached or mixed.

All other sources

Qua	antity (<i>in 1,000</i>	pounds); Value	e (<i>in \$1,000</i>)			
	Calendar year			January-September		
Item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
U.S. imports of: Loose active anode material: Quantity (S)						
Value (T)						
Active anode material in batteries: Quantity (U)						
Value (V)						
Active anode material as parts of a subassembly or compound (e.g., electrode, anode slurry, mixture with silicon based active materials) Quantity (W)						
Value (X)						

<u>RECONCILIATION OF IMPORTS BY COMPOSITION</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities (i.e., lines S, U, and W) and values (i.e., lines T, V, and X) reported for imports by composition in each time period equal the quantities (i.e., lines B and D) and values (i.e., lines C and E) reported for imports in each time period in question II-6a. 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.

	Calendar year			January-September		
Reconciliation item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Quantity: $S + U + W - B - D = zero$						
("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0	
Value: $T + V + X - C - E = zero ("0"), if$						
not revise.	0	0	0	0	0	

II-6d. <u>U.S. shipments by product form: all other sources</u>.—Report your firm's U.S. shipments (i.e., commercial U.S. shipments, internal consumption, and transfers to related firms in the United States) of imports from all other sources by product form during the specified periods.

All other sources

	Quantity (in 1,000 pound	s); Value (<i>in \$1,0</i>	000)		
	Calendar year			January-September		
Item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
U.S. shipments:						
Natural						
Quantity (Y)						
Value (Z)						
Synthetic						
Quantity (AA)						
Value (AB)						
Blended ¹						
Quantity (AC)						
Value (AD)						
¹ For your U.S. shipm anode material	•	•		-		

<u>RECONCILIATION OF U.S. SHIPMENTS BY PRODUCT FORM.</u>—Please ensure that the quantities (i.e., lines Y, AA, and AC) and values (i.e., lines Z, AB, and AD) reported for U.S. shipments by product form in each time period equal the quantities (i.e., lines F, H, and J) and values (i.e., lines G, I, and K) reported for U.S. shipments in each time period in question II-6a. 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.

	Calendar year			January-September		
Reconciliation item	2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
Quantity: $Y + AA + AC - F - H - J =$ zero ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0	
Value: $Z + AB + AD - G - I - K = zero$ ("0"), if not revise.	0	0	0	0	0	

II-7a. <u>Out-of-scope imports under primary HTS numbers</u>.—Report your firm's imports of products other than active anode material (i.e., out-of-scope imports) that are classified for Customs purposes under HTS statistical reporting numbers 2504.10.5000 and 3801.10.5000 from any source during the specified period.

ity (<i>in 1,000</i>	pounds), valu	e (in \$1,000)			
Calendar year			January-September		
2021	2022	2023	2023	2024	
		Calendar year		Calendar year January-Se	

II-7b. Out-of-scope imports under primary HTS numbers in the 12-month period preceding the petitions.--Report your firm's imports of products other than active anode material (i.e., out-of-scope imports) that were classified for Customs purposes under HTS statistical reporting numbers 2504.10.5000 and 3801.10.5000 from each of the specific sources between December 1, 2023 and November 30, 2024 (i.e., the last month in 2023 and first 11 months in 2024 combined)

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds)				
Source	December 2023 through November 2024			
China				
All other sources				

<u>Transfers to related firms.</u> If your firm reported transfers to related firms in any of the data tables in Part II, please identify the firm(s) and indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (e.g., joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary) and whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula.
Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II for which a narrative response 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

PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Ricky Ubee (202-205-3493, Ravinder.ubee@usitc.gov).

III-1. <u>Contact information.</u>--Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in Part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	

PRICE DATA

- III-2. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2021 of the following products your firm imported from China:
 - **Product 1.--** Synthetic active anode material, not coated, not blended, 50 microns or smaller, sold in sacks of 2,500 pounds
 - **Product 2.--** Natural active anode material, not coated, not blended, 50 microns or smaller, sold in sacks of 2,500 pounds

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> 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).

III-2a. During January 2021-September 2024, did your firm import from China and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

Yes Please complete the following pricing data table as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-3.

III-2b. <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and sold by your firm.

Report data in <u>actual pounds</u> (not 1,000 pounds) and <u>actual dollars</u> (not \$1,000s).

	Produ	Product 1		
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2021:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2022:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2023:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2024:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				

¹ 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. Please subtract any discounts, rebates, and returns from the quarter in which the sale occurred.

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

Product 1:

Product 2:

² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part IV.

III-2c. <u>Price data checklist.</u>--Please check that the pricing data in question III-2b have been correctly reported.

Are the price data reported above:	√ if Yes				
In actual dollars (not \$1,000s) and actual pounds (not 1,000 pounds)?					
Valued f.o.b. U.S. point of shipment (i.e., exclude U.S. inland transportation costs)?					
Reported net of all discounts, rebates, and returns (deducted from the quarter in which the original sale occurred)?					
Reported for commercial U.S. shipments only (i.e., exclude internal consumption, transfers, and exports)?					
Less than or equal to the quantities and values reported in Part II for commercial U.S. shipments in each period?					
Explanation(s) for any boxes not checked:					
III-2d. Pricing data methodologyPlease describe the method and the kinds of documents/i that were used to compile your price data.	records				

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.

III-3.	<u>Imports for internal use</u> This question requests quarterly quantity and landed-duty paid value data for your firm's imports of the products defined above (on the first page of Part III) for internal consumption from China since January 1, 2021. These are imports that your firm does not resell as active anode material.						
		g January 2021-September 2024, did your firm import any of the products listed, on the age of part III, from China for internal consumption?					
		YesPlease complete the following table.					
		NoSkin to question III-4					

III-3a. <u>Imports for internal use.</u>—Report below the import data¹ for pricing products² imported from China and used by your own firm. These are imports that your firm does not resell as active anode material.

Please note that values should be <u>landed</u>, <u>duty-paid</u> ("LDP") and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all returns, discounts, allowances, and rebates).

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

(Quantity in ac	tual pounds, value in	dollars)		
	Proc	luct 1	Product 2	
Period of importation	Quantity	LDP Value	Quantity	LDP Value
2021:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2022:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2023:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2024:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
	•			

¹ LDP value (i.e., landed duty-paid values): Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States). See "Import values" definition in Part II (Trade and Related Information – Definitions).

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

Product 1:

Product 2:

 $^{^{\}rm 2}$ Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III.

III-3b. <u>Purchase cost data checklist.</u>--Please check that the purchase cost data in question III-3(a) have been correctly reported.

Are the purchase cost data reported above:	√ if Yes
In actual dollars (<i>not</i> \$1,000) and actual pounds (not 1,000 pounds)?	
Valued at landed duty-paid import value (i.e., value at the U.S. border after clearing Customs)?	
Reported only for imports used for internal consumption or for your firm's retail sale?	
Less than or equal to the quantities and values reported in part II for imports in each period?	
Explanation(s) for any boxes not checked:	

Complete these questions only if your firm reported data on the previous page, otherwise skip to question III-4.

The following questions ask about the costs/benefits (not included in the LDP values reported above) that factor into your firm's decision to import active anode graphite rather than purchase from a U.S. producer or importer of active anode graphite.

produc III-3c.		nporter of active anode		de graphite for your firm's internal use.—					
	i.	purchasing from a U.S management costs, w	S. producer or importer (porting active anode graphite rather than (e.g., logistical or supply chain arrying costs, insurance or other risk nd overseas costs)?					
		□ No □ Ye	es—Please answer parts	ii, iii, and iv.					
	ii.	compared to LDP value producer or importer activities, either directing include any costs that	ue) when importing grap . (Report only the portio tly or indirectly, and not	onal cost incurred (as a percentage hite rather than purchasing from a U.S. n that is related to your firm's importing already included in the LDP value. Do NOT if your firm purchased the product from a mpared to LDP value.					
	iii.	Please identify and explain the specific additional costs incurred by your firm and estimate each cost (in percent) compared to the cost of importing. (Only report costs and the portion of each cost that was related to your firm's importing activities for graphite, either directly or indirectly, and that are not already included in the LDP val Do NOT report costs that your firm would incur when purchasing graphite from a U.S producer or importer.)							
			Estimated						
			percentage						
			compared to LDP						
		Costs	value (percent)	Explanation					
			%	•					
			%						
			%						
			%						
	iv. Briefly describe how your firm's additional costs (beyond the purchase price) by importing active anode graphite directly compare with the additional costs your fir incurs when purchasing from a U.S. producer or U.S. importer.								

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III-3d.		<u>Decision basis.</u> —To which source(s) does your firm compare costs in determining not to import graphite? Check all that apply.					
	ı	J.S. importers	U.S. pro	oducers		U.S. importers S. producers	
III-3e.	<u>Benef</u>	its of importing acti	ive anode gra	aphite.			
	i.	Briefly identify the graphite from a U					of purchasing
	ii.	Is it your firm's ex China is priced low U.S. producer?	-			•	•
		Imports are price	ed lower whe	en	No		either, please erts iii and iv.)
		Not including the	additional c	osts above			
		Including the add	litional costs	above			
	iii.	Please estimate ye purchasing from a the purchase price compare the price direct imports (inc	u U.S. produce from the U.se of purchasing	er or U.S. im .S. importer ng from a U.	porter since or U.S. prod S. importer	January 1, 2022 ucer). For your or U.S. producer	L (as a percent of estimate, to the cost of
		Facto	rs	(percent	timated savi of purchase mporter/pro	price from	
		U.S. producer				%	
		U.S. importer				%	
	iv.	What methods or	experience of	did you base	the estimat	es in III-3diii (i.e	. based on

iv. What methods or experience did you base the estimates in III-3diii (i.e. based on previous transactions with U.S. producers and/or U.S. importers, market research, etc.) Check all that apply.

Reported estimates in III-3diii based on	√ if Yes
Previous company transactions	
Market research	
Other – Please explain	

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of these data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions. 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.

III-4. <u>Price setting.</u>--How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of active anode material (*check all that apply*)?

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe

III-5. **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

III-6. **Pricing terms.**--On what basis are your firm's prices of imported active anode material from China usually quoted *(check one)*?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point

III-7. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>-- Approximately what shares of your firm's sales of its active anode material from China in 2023 were on the basis of (1) short-term contracts, (2) annual contracts, (3) long-term contracts, and (4) spot sales?

ltem	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)	Tota (shou sum t 100.09	ld :o
Share of 2023 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%

III-8. <u>Contract provisions.</u>--Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for active anode material imported from China (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	No. of days		365			
Price renegotiation	Yes					
(during contract period)	No					
	Quantity					
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price					
3.1.5, 5.1 p.1.55	Both					
Indexed to raw	Yes					
material costs ¹	No					
Not applicab	le					
¹ Please identify the indexes used:						

III-9. <u>Lead times.--</u> What share of your firm's sales of its active anode material imported from China 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 imported active anode material?

Source	Share of 2023 sales	Lead time (Average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

III-10.	Shipping	information
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(a)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations? Your firm Purchaser (check one)
(b)	When your firm sells active anode material imported from China, from where is it shipped? Point of importation Storage facility (check one)
(a)	Indicate the approximate persontage of your firm's calculative and a material

(c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of active anode material imported from China that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of shipment.

Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-11. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>—In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold active anode material imported from subject countries since January 1, 2021 (check all that apply)?

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

III-12. <u>Inland transportation costs.</u>—What is the approximate percentage of the cost of active anode material imported from China that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent.

III-13. <u>End uses.</u>--List the end uses of the active anode material that your firm imports. For each enduse product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by active anode material and other inputs?

	Share of total cost		
End-use product	Active anode material Other inputs		Total (should sum to 100.0% across)
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %
	%	%	0.0 %

III-1	14. <u>Substitutes</u> Can other products be substituted for active anode material?							
	No YesPlease fill out the table.							
	Have changes in the price of this substitute affected the price for active anode material							
	Substitute	substitute is used	No Yes	Explanation				
1.								
2.								
3.								

III-15. <u>Demand trends.</u>— Has demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for active anode material steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2021? Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Select one box per row.

Market	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	Steadily decrease	Explanation and factors
Within the United States						
Outside the United States						

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III-16.		_	Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix or anode material since January 1, 2021?
	No	Yes	If yes, please describe.
III-17.			the active anode material market subject to business cycles, either during ears? If yes, describe.
	No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021.
III-18.	competition	on distinct	etitionIs the active anode material market subject to conditions of tive to active anode material other than the business cycles described in the If yes, describe.
	No	Yes	If yes, please describe, including any changes since January 1, 2021.

III-19.	Supply	constraints
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(a)	Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply active anode material at any
	time since January 1, 2021 (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, impact from changes in operations listed in II-2a, etc.)?

No (skip to III-20)	Yes (respond to part b)

(b) For each year that your firm faced supply constraints, check yes and describe the constraints with the details requested below.

Check if yes	Period	Description: include the timing, duration, and reason for the constraint.
	2021	
	2022	
	2023	
	2024	

III-20. Raw materials.-- Have active anode material raw material prices (i.e., mined and synthetic graphite) steadily increased, fluctuated but ended higher, not changed, fluctuated but ended lower, or steadily decreased since January 1, 2021?

Select one box per row.

Type of raw material	Steadily increase	Fluctuate up	No change	Fluctuate down	•	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for active anode material.
Mined graphite						
Synthetic graphite						

III-21. <u>Interchangeability</u>.—How often is active anode material produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)?

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

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

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

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China		

For any country-pair producing active anode material that is *sometimes* or *never* interchangeable, explain the factors that limit or preclude the interchangeable use of active anode material produced in the countries:

III-22. **Factors other than price.**—How often are differences other than price (e.g., quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between active anode material produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales of the products?

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

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China		

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

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3.	Role of section 301 tariffs Dichanges in these tariffs, have a States, including any effects of January 1, 2021?	an impact on the active anode	material market in the Unite	d
	Yes	No	Don't know	
	If yes, please describe the imp the timing of such impacts.	pact on cost, price, supply, and	d/or demand, and include	_
4.		uction Act ("IRA").—Did the If United States, including any e	RA have an impact on the active the frects on active anode materia	
4.	Role of the U.S. Inflation Reduance material market in the	uction Act ("IRA").—Did the If United States, including any e	RA have an impact on the active the frects on active anode materia	

the timing of such impacts.

III-25 <u>Customer identification.</u>--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for active anode material since January 1, 2021. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's U.S. shipments of active anode material that each of these customers accounted for in 2023.

Customer's name		Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2023 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

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III-2	for which a na explanation in	ntionsIf your firm rrative response b the space provide oviding the data in	ox was not proved below. Please	ided, please n	ote the question n	umber ar	nd the

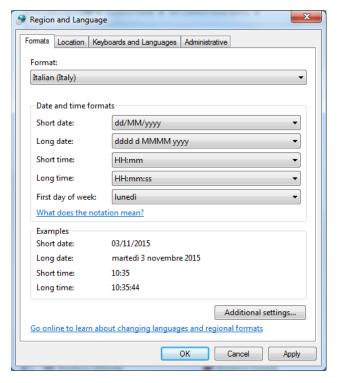
Correcting valid number error messages.--If you are completing this questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (i.e., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in the numeric form fields. This issue stems from your computer's number formatting setting (i.e., 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 and other countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (".") and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (","). The U.S. International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU or other country number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

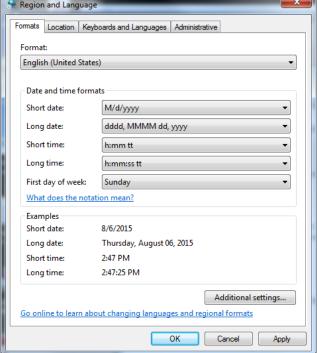
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

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 importer questionnaire form. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy (or your country) settings.





HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

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

https://usitc.gov/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.

• <u>Upload via Commission's secure submission portal</u>.— The questionnaire must be uploaded in two formats: (1) a Microsoft Word 97-2003 document; and (2) a PDF copy of the complete questionnaire with a signature on the first page. Please include any attachments at the end of the PDF (e.g., APO certification, additional comments, etc.).

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• E-mail.— E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to <u>calvin.chang@usitc.gov</u>; include a PDF copy of the complete questionnaire with a signature on the first page. 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 submission portal 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 import this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned PDF copy via the Commission's secure submission portal or email.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.— 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 § 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). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.