

**FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**  
**POLYETHYLENE RETAIL CARRIER BAGS FROM**  
**CHINA, MALAYSIA, AND THAILAND**

*Return completed questionnaire to:*

**UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
Office of Investigations, Room 615  
500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

**So as to be received by the Commission by no later than March 15, 2004**

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigations concerning polyethylene retail carrier bags (PRCBs) from China, Malaysia, and Thailand (invs. Nos. 731-TA-1043-1045 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII.

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

World Wide Web address \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced or exported **PRCBs** (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since since January 1, 2001?

**NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

**YES** (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, sign the certification, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)

**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 signing 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 these investigations in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise. (If you do not consent to such use, please note the certification accordingly.)*

*I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout these investigations may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of these investigations or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and investigations relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.*

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*Name and Title of Authorized Official*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Authorized Official*

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*Phone*

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*Fax*

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*E-mail address*

**PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS**

The questions in this questionnaire have been reviewed with market participants to ensure that issues of concern are adequately addressed and that data requests are sufficient, meaningful, and as limited as possible. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 15 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-1a. Please report below the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

\_\_\_\_\_ hours \_\_\_\_\_ dollars

I-1b. We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.

I-2. Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

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I-3. Please provide the names, phone numbers, street addresses (no PO boxes please), and email addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's PRCBs in 2003. **PLEASE FAX THIS PAGE TO OLYMPIA HAND AT 202-205-3205 BY March 1, 2004.**

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I-4. Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce PRCBs in the United States or other countries?

No

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 (contact Olympia Hand for copies of that questionnaire).

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**PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued**

I-5. Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import PRCBs into the United States?

No

Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire (contact Olympia Hand for copies of that questionnaire).

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

II-1. Does your firm have any plans to add, expand, curtail, or shut down production capacity and/or production of PRCBs in China, Malaysia, or Thailand?

No

Yes--Please describe those plans, including planned dates and capacity/production quantities involved, and the reason(s) for such change(s). If the plans are to add or expand capacity or production, list (in descending order of importance) the markets (countries) to which such additional capacity or production would be directed.

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II-2. What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of PRCBs (as defined)?

\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

II-3. Does your firm produce products other than PRCBs (as defined), including laminated high-end paper shopping bags, on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of PRCBs?

No

Yes--Please list these product(s) and provide the share of your firm's total net sales (in percent) accounted for by these product(s) in its most recent fiscal year.

***Product(s)***

***Share of sales***

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

II-4. Has your firm maintained any inventories of PRCBs in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in questions I-3, I-4, or I-5 above<sup>1</sup>) since 2001?

No  Yes--Report the quantity (in **1,000 units and 1,000 pounds**) of such **end-of-period** inventories below.

<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
_____	_____	_____

II-5. Does your firm sell PRCBs over the internet?

No  Yes--Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of PRCBs in 2003 accounted for by internet sales. If internet auction sales, please describe:

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II-6. Are the PRCBs exported by your firm subject to antidumping findings or remedies in any WTO-member countries?

No  Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies.

<i>Product</i>	<i>Country</i>	<i>Date</i>
_____	_____	_____
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<sup>1</sup> Such firms will report inventories in the Commission's importer or producer questionnaire.

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

II-7. Please explain the basis for your projections in question II-8.

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II-8. **Data on PRCBs, in units (number of bags).**--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of PRCBs produced by your firm in each subject country during the specified periods. **Report separately for China, Malaysia, and Thailand, and for all PRCBs and high-end PRCBs.** Copy this page, as necessary.

Indicate: China \_\_ Malaysia \_\_ Thailand \_\_ Indicate: All PRCBs \_\_\_\_\_ High-end PRCBs \_\_\_\_\_

(Quantity in 1,000 units (number of bags))					
Item	Actual experience			Projections	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES<sup>2</sup></b>					
<b>PRODUCTION<sup>3</sup></b>					
<b>SHIPMENTS:</b>					
Internal consumption/transfers					
Home market sales					
Exports to--					
<b>United States<sup>4</sup></b>					
<b>All other export markets<sup>5</sup></b>					
<b>Total exports</b>					
<b>Total shipments</b>					
<b>END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES</b>					

<sup>1</sup> Report the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Please explain any changes in reported capacity:

<sup>2</sup> **Reconciliation of data.**--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?

Yes  No--Please explain: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>3</sup> Please estimate the percentage of total production of PRCBs in this country accounted for by your firm's production in 2003.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

<sup>4</sup> Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of PRCBs from this country accounted for by your firm's exports in 2003.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Percent

<sup>5</sup> Identify principal *other* export markets. \_\_\_\_\_

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

II-9. **Data on PRCBs, in pounds.**--Please report production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories of PRCBs produced by your firm in each subject country during the specified periods. **Report separately for China, Malaysia, and Thailand, and for all PRCBs and high-end PRCBs.** Copy this page, as necessary.

Indicate: China \_\_ Malaysia \_\_ Thailand \_\_ Indicate: All PRCBs \_\_\_\_\_ High-end PRCBs \_\_\_\_\_

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds)					
Item	Actual experience			Projections	
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>AVERAGE PRODUCTION CAPACITY<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>BEGINNING-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES<sup>2</sup></b>					
<b>PRODUCTION<sup>3</sup></b>					
<b>SHIPMENTS:</b>					
Internal consumption/transfers					
Home market sales					
Exports to--					
<b>United States<sup>4</sup></b>					
<b>All other export markets<sup>5</sup></b>					
<b>Total exports</b>					
<b>Total shipments</b>					
<b>END-OF-PERIOD INVENTORIES</b>					
<p><sup>1</sup> Report the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix). Please explain any changes in reported capacity:</p> <hr/>					
<p><sup>2</sup> <u>Reconciliation of data</u>--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____</p> <hr/>					
<p><sup>3</sup> Please estimate the percentage of total production of PRCBs in this country accounted for by your firm's production in 2003.</p> <p align="right">_____ Percent</p>					
<p><sup>4</sup> Please estimate the percentage of total exports to the United States of PRCBs from this country accounted for by your firm's exports in 2003.</p> <p align="right">_____ Percent</p>					
<p><sup>5</sup> Identify principal <i>other</i> export markets. _____</p>					

II-9a. Please describe the high-end PRCBs you produce. \_\_\_\_\_

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