

U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE
COMMODITY MATCHBOOKS FROM INDIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than November 13, 2008

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning commodity matchbooks from India (inv. Nos. 701-TA-459 and 731-TA-1155 (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 possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

<p>Name of firm _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____</p> <p>World Wide Web address _____</p> <p>Has your firm imported commodity matchbooks (as defined in the instruction booklet) from any country at any time since January 1, 2005?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by the date indicated above)</p>
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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 these investigations in any other import-injury investigations conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

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.

_____ Name of Authorized Official	_____ Title of Authorized Official	_____ Date
_____ Signature	_____ Phone: ()	_____ E-mail address
	_____ Fax ()	

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

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 40 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.

I-3. Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-4. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing commodity matchbooks from India into the United States or which are engaged in exporting commodity matchbooks from India to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-5. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of commodity matchbooks?

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-6. Please indicate the nature of your firm's importing operations on commodity matchbooks. More than one answer may be applicable.

- Importer of record Takes title to the imported product(s)
 Consignee of the imported products(s) Customs broker or freight forwarder.

I-7. If your firm is an importer of record of commodity matchbooks but is not the consignee, please list the consignees below (firm name, address, telephone number, and individual to contact).

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Contact person and phone number</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-8. Please indicate whether your firm enters commodity matchbooks into, or withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.

Foreign trade zones No Yes

Bonded warehouses No Yes

I-9. Please indicate whether your firm imports commodity matchbooks under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.

No Yes

I-10. To your knowledge, have the products subject to this investigation been the subject of any other import relief investigations in the United States or in any other countries?

No Yes--Please specify. _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Olympia Hand (202-205-3182, olympia.hand@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested trade and related information?

Company contact: _____
Name and title

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Phone number E-mail address

II-2. Has your firm experienced any plant openings, relocations, expansions, acquisitions, consolidations, closures, or prolonged shutdowns because of strikes or equipment failure; or any other change in the character of your operations or organization relating to the importation of commodity matchbooks since January 1, 2005?

No Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes.

II-3. Has your firm imported or arranged for the importation of commodity matchbooks from India for delivery after June 30, 2008?

No Yes--Indicate when such orders are to be delivered and the quantities involved.

II-4. If your firm also produces commodity matchbooks in the United States, please indicate your reasons for importing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate.

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

II-5. **IMPORTS FROM SUBJECT SOURCES.**--Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of commodity matchbooks imported from India by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

INDIA

Quantity (in number of cases), value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2005	2006	2007	2007	2008
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Imports: ¹					
Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
U.S. shipments:					
Commercial shipments:					
Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:					
Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value ² of internal consumption/transfers					
Export shipments: ³					
Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
End-of-period inventories ⁴ (quantity)					
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments to wholesalers/distributors (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to convenience/grocery stores (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to food service companies (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to membership warehouses (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to other (describe _____) (quantity)					
¹ Please identify the foreign producers, if known: _____ _____ _____					
² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for 2005, 2006, and 2007 below: _____ _____					
³ Identify your principal export markets: _____					
⁴ 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____					

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

II-6. **IMPORTS FROM NONSUBJECT SOURCES.**--Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of commodity matchbooks imported from **all other sources combined** by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

ALL OTHER SOURCES COMBINED

Quantity (in number of cases), value (in \$1,000)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2005	2006	2007	2007	2008
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Imports: ¹					
Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
U.S. shipments:					
Commercial shipments:					
Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:					
Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value ² of internal consumption/transfers					
Export shipments: ³					
Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
End-of-period inventories ⁴ (quantity)					
Channels of distribution:					
U.S. shipments to wholesalers/distributors (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to convenience/grocery stores (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to food service companies (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to membership warehouses (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to other (describe _____) (quantity)					
¹ Please identify the sources and foreign producers, if known: _____ _____ _____					
² Sales to related firms (including internal consumption) must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these sales within your company, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for 2005, 2006, and 2007 below: _____ _____					
³ Identify your principal export markets: _____					
⁴ 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____					

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

II-7. Since January 1, 2005, has your firm imported promotional matchbooks?

- No Yes--Please describe the differences and similarities between commodity and promotional matchbooks with respect to the following factors: (a) characteristics and uses--describe the differences and similarities in the physical characteristics and end uses; (b) interchangeability--discuss the interchangeability in end use of the two products; (c) manufacturing processes--describe the two processes and include a discussion of the interchangeability of production inputs, machinery and equipment, and skilled labor; (d) channels of distribution--describe the specific end use/customer requirements and channels of distribution/market situation in which the products are sold; (e) customer and producer perceptions--describe any perceived differences in the two products (e.g., sales/marketing practices); and (f) price--provide a discussion and specific examples of prices for the two products. Use additional pages as necessary.

For each of the above factors, please indicate whether product comparisons are “fully” comparable or the same, i.e., have no differentiation between them; “mostly” comparable or similar; “somewhat” comparable or similar; “never” or not-at-all comparable or similar; or “no familiarity.”

(a) Characteristics and uses:

- Fully Mostly Somewhat Rarely Never No familiarity

(b) Interchangeability:

- Fully Mostly Somewhat Rarely Never No familiarity

(c) Manufacturing processes:

- Fully Mostly Somewhat Rarely Never No familiarity

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

II-7. (d) Channels of distribution:

Fully Mostly Somewhat Rarely Never No familiarity

(e) Customer and producer perceptions:

Fully Mostly Somewhat Rarely Never No familiarity

(f) Price:

Fully Mostly Somewhat Rarely Never No familiarity

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Ioana Mic (202-205-3196, ioana.mic@usitc.gov)

III-1. Who should be contacted regarding the requested pricing and related information?

Company contact:

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Phone number

E-mail address

PRICE DATA

This section requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment, concerning your firm's U.S. commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers of the following products imported from India during January 2005-June 2008.

Product 1. — Paper matchbooks with 20 match stems, secured into a plain white cover (referred to as "plain white") packed into trays of 50 books each, wrapped in a paper sleeve and packed 50 trays to a carton/case. Price should be reported in dollars per case, which contains 2,500 matchbooks.

Product 2. — Paper matchbooks with 20 match stems, secured into a cover imprinted with a logo or THANK YOU, packed into trays of 50 books each, wrapped in a paper sleeve and packed 50 trays to a carton/case. Price should be reported in dollars per case, which contains 2,500 matchbooks.

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

Please also note that the two specified products do not include promotional ("not for sale" or "specialty advertising") or wooden matchbooks. See instruction booklet.

Report the requested pricing data in the tables on the following pages for sales of each of the two specified products that your firm imported from India and sold to U.S. customers. Also, please report your firm's sales of the two specified products that your firm imported from your two largest (based on quantity) nonsubject-country sources.

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2a. Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from India and sold by your firm.

INDIA

(Quantity in number of CASES, value in dollars)				
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2005				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2006				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2007				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2008				
January-March				
April-June				

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 U.S. point of shipment.

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

Note.--If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product:

Product 1: _____

Product 2: _____

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2b. Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from **YOUR LARGEST NONSUBJECT-COUNTRY SOURCE** and sold by your firm. Please specify country below.

COUNTRY (_____)

(Quantity in number of cases, value in dollars)				
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2005				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2006				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2007				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2008				
January-March				
April-June				

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 U.S. point of shipment.

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

Note.--If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product:

Product 1: _____

Product 2: _____

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2c. Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from **YOUR SECOND LARGEST NONSUBJECT-COUNTRY SOURCE** and sold by your firm. Please specify country below.

COUNTRY (_____)

(Quantity in number of cases, value in dollars)				
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2005				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2006				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2007				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2008				
January-March				
April-June				

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 U.S. point of shipment.

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

Note.--If your product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product:

Product 1: _____

Product 2: _____

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-3. Please describe how your firm determines the prices that it charges for sales of commodity matchbooks (transaction by transaction negotiation, contracts for multiple shipments, set price lists, etc.). If your firm issues price lists, please include a copy of a recent price list with your submission. If your price list is large, please submit sample pages.

III-4. Please describe your firm's discount policy (quantity discounts, annual total volume discounts, etc.).

III-5. What are your firm's typical sales terms for commodity matchbooks imported from India (e.g., 2/10 net 30 days)? _____. On what basis are your prices of such product usually quoted (e.g., f.o.b. warehouse, or delivered)? _____.

III-6. Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its commodity matchbooks imported from India in 2007 were on a (1) long-term contract basis (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months), (2) short-term contract basis (multiple deliveries up to 12 months), and (3) spot sales basis (for a single delivery)?

<u>Type of sale</u>	<u>Share of sales (percent)</u>
Long-term contracts	_____
Short-term contracts	_____
Spot sales	_____

III-7. If you sell on a long-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical long-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-8. If you sell on a short-term contract basis, please answer the following questions with respect to provisions of a typical short-term contract.

- (a) What is the average duration of a contract? _____
- (b) Can prices be renegotiated during the contract period? _____
- (c) Does the contract fix quantity, price, or both? _____
- (d) Does the contract have a meet or release provision? _____

III-9. What is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of commodity matchbooks?

<u>Source</u>	<u>Share of sales,</u> <u>2007</u>	<u>Lead time</u>
From inventory	_____	_____
Produced to order	_____	_____
Total	100 %	_____

III-10. (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of commodity matchbooks that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ percent.

(b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations? (check one)
 Your firm or purchaser

(c) What proportion of your sales occur within 100 miles of your storage or production facility? _____ percent. Within 101 to 1,000 miles? _____ percent. Over 1,000 miles? _____ percent.

III-11. What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's commodity matchbooks? (check all that apply)

- Northeast Mid-Atlantic Midwest Southeast
- Southwest Rocky Mountains West Coast Northwest
- National Other (describe: _____)

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-12. How has the demand within the United States (and outside the United States if known) for commodity matchbooks changed since January 1, 2005? What principal factors affect changes in demand?

- Increase No Change Decrease

III-13. Have there been any significant changes in the product range or marketing of commodity matchbooks since January 1, 2005?

- No Yes-- Please describe.

III-14. Does your firm sell commodity matchbooks over the internet?

- No Yes-- Please describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total sales of commodity matchbooks in 2007 accounted for by internet sales.

PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-17. Please identify below the names and addresses of your firm's 10 largest customers for commodity matchbooks during 2005-2007. Please also provide the name, telephone number, and email address of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of commodity matchbooks from India that each of these customers accounted for in 2007.

No.	Customer's name	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Contact person and email address	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2007 sales (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					