



## **INSTRUCTION BOOKLET**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES**

**Polyvinyl Alcohol from China, Japan, and Korea  
Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1014, 1016, and 1017 (Review)**

*Further information.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to these reviews, you may contact the following member of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):*

*Angela Wissler, investigator (202-708-5409; E-mail [angela.wissler@USITC.GOV](mailto:angela.wissler@USITC.GOV)) regarding general questions and trade and related information; and*

*Catherine DeFilippo, economist (202-205-3253; E-mail [catherine.defilippo@USITC.GOV](mailto:catherine.defilippo@USITC.GOV)) or William Greene, economist (202-205-3405; E-mail [william.greene@USITC.GOV](mailto:william.greene@USITC.GOV)) regarding market related information.*

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**--On July 2, 2003, the Department of Commerce issued an antidumping duty order on imports of polyvinyl alcohol from Japan (68 F.R. 39518). On October 1, 2003, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of polyvinyl alcohol from China and Korea (68 F.R. 56620-56621). On June 2, 2008, the Commission instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (73 F.R. 31507). If the Commission makes an affirmative determination, the orders will remain in place. If the Commission makes a negative determination, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to these reviews are available at [http://www.usitc.gov/trade\\_remedy/731\\_ad\\_701\\_cvd/investigations/2008/polyvinyl\\_alcohol/reviewphase.htm](http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2008/polyvinyl_alcohol/reviewphase.htm). Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding these reviews via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

**Due date of questionnaire(s).**--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by no later than November 20, 2008. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by November 20, 2008. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Angela Wissler. **Return only one copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of these reviews.**

**Service of questionnaire response(s).**--In the event that your firm is a party to these reviews, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-2000. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

**Confidentiality.**--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) 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, nonnumerical 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.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued**

**Verification.**--The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).

**Release of information.**--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with these reviews, 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 these reviews or other import-injury investigations or reviews 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.

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer all questions.**--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." **If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates.** Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with these reviews (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

**Consolidate all establishments in China, Japan or Korea.**--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in China, Japan, or Korea. **Firms operating more than one establishment in a country should combine the data for all establishments into a single report. However, firms with establishments in multiple countries should report data for each country separately.**

**Filing instructions.**—Questionnaires may be filed either in paper form or electronically.

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### **OPTIONS FOR FILING IN PAPER FORM**

- **Overnight mail service.**—Mail to the following address:

**United States International Trade Commission  
Office of Investigations, Room 615  
500 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20024**

- **Fax.**—Fax to 202.205.3205.
- **U.S. mail.**—Mail to the address above, but use zip code 20436. *This option is not recommended. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing to screen for hazardous materials; this additional processing results in substantial delays in delivery.*

### **OPTIONS FOR FILING ELECTRONICALLY**

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at **COPY AND PASTE LINK TO INVESTIGATION FROM ACTIVE INVESTIGATIONS PAGE**. *Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document.* You may complete the questionnaire electronically, print it out, and submit it in paper form as described above, or you may submit it electronically through one of the following means:

- **By means of the Commission’s Electronic Document Information System (EDIS).**—Follow the step-by-step instructions on the next page.
- **Compact disc (CD).**—Copy your questionnaire onto a CD, include a signed certification page (page 1) (either in paper form or scanned PDF copied onto CD), and mail to the address above. *It is strongly recommended that you use an **overnight mail service**. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.*
- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 1 of the Instruction Booklet; include a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). Type the following in the e-mail subject line: **BPI Questionnaire, INV. NO. 731-1014**. *Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*

Note: If you are a party to these reviews, and service of the questionnaire is required, such service should be made in paper form.

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### INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING VIA EDIS

#### **STEP 1: REGISTER AS A NEW USER IN EDIS** (current registered users may skip this step)

- The authorized official whose name appears under the Certification at the bottom of page 1 of the questionnaire should be the person who completes the registration in EDIS
- Go to <https://eofpub.usitc.gov/edis-efile/app>
- Click on Register
- Read and accept the Terms of Use Agreement
- Complete the EDIS Online User Registration form
  - In the **Firm/Organization** field, select **Questionnaire Respondent**
- Click **Submit Registration**

#### **STEP 2: ELECTRONICALLY SUBMIT YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE(S) IN EDIS**

- Click on E-File Documents
- Under **Submitter Information**, type the name of your firm in the **Filed On Behalf Of** field
- Under **Investigation Information**, click on **Find Investigation**
  - For **Investigation Phase**, select “**Review**” and for **Investigation Number**, type “**731-1014**”; Click on **Find Investigation**
  - Click in the circle to the left of the investigation number that appears, then click on **Select** and confirm by clicking **OK**
- Under **Document Filing Information**—
  - For **Document Type**, select **Questionnaire – Foreign Producer, Questionnaire – Importer, Questionnaire – Purchaser, or Questionnaire – U.S. Producer**, as appropriate
  - Leave **Document Title** field blank
- Under **Add Document Attachments for Electronic Submission**—
  - In the **Attach File** field, click on **Browse**, locate your MS Word questionnaire file, and double-click the file
  - The **Attachment Title** field is optional
  - Click on **Attach Files** (note that your file will be listed below under **Attachments**)
  - You must attach a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). If you wish to attach any other files, i.e., supporting documents, do so at this time (unlike the questionnaire itself, these additional documents **must** be PDFs). **Only one questionnaire may be filed at a time.**
  - When you have attached all relevant files, click on **Submit Document w/attachments**. An **EDIS Document Submission Confirmation** screen will appear. Confirm the information and click on **Accept Information**. An **EDIS Notice of Receipt of Electronic Documents** will appear, which completes the process. If you wish to electronically file another questionnaire, repeat Step 2.

## **DEFINITIONS**

**Polyvinyl Alcohol (“PVA”).**—All PVA hydrolyzed in excess of 80 percent, whether or not mixed or diluted with commercial levels of defoamer or boric acid, except as noted below.

The following products are specifically excluded from the scope of these reviews:

- (1) PVA in fiber form.
- (2) PVA with hydrolysis less than 83 mole percent and certified not for use in the production of textiles.
- (3) PVA with hydrolysis greater than 85 percent and viscosity greater than or equal to 90 cps.
- (4) PVA with a hydrolysis greater than 85 percent, viscosity greater than or equal to 80 cps but less than 90 cps, certified for use in an ink jet application.
- (5) PVA for use in the manufacture of an excipient or as an excipient in the manufacture of film coating systems which are components of a drug or dietary supplement, and accompanied by an end-use certification.
- (6) PVA covalently bonded with cationic monomer uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than one mole percent.
- (7) PVA covalently bonded with carboxylic acid uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than two mole percent, certified for use in a paper application.
- (8) PVA covalently bonded with thiol uniformly present on all polymer chains, certified for use in emulsion polymerization of non-vinyl acetic material.
- (9) PVA covalently bonded with paraffin uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than one mole percent.
- (10) PVA covalently bonded with silan uniformly present on all polymer chains certified for use in paper coating applications.
- (11) PVA covalently bonded with sulfonic acid uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.
- (12) PVA covalently bonded with acetoacrylate uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.
- (13) PVA covalently bonded with polyethylene oxide uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.
- (14) PVA covalently bonded with quaternary amine uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration level equal to or greater than one mole percent.
- (15) PVA covalently bonded with diacetoneacrylamide uniformly

present on all polymer chains in a concentration level greater than three mole percent, certified for use in a paper application.

The merchandise subject to review is currently classifiable under subheading 3905.30.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS).

**PVB grade PVA.**--PVA for use in polyvinyl butyral.

**Firm.**--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

**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.

**Establishment.**--Each facility of a firm in China, Japan, or Korea involved in the production of PVA (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

**United States.**--For purposes of these reviews, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

**Importer.**--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing PVA (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

**Average production capacity.**--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).

**Production.**--All production in your establishment(s) in China, Japan, or Korea, including production consumed internally within your firm.

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**Shipments**--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in China, Japan, or Korea.

**Shipment quantities**.—Quantities reported should be net of returns.

**Shipment values**.—Values reported should be 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 in China, Japan, or Korea.

**Home market commercial shipments**.--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within China, Japan, or Korea.

**Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms**.--Shipments made to related firms in China, Japan, and Korea, including product consumed internally by your firm.

**Export shipments**.--Shipments to destinations outside China, Japan, or Korea, including shipments to related firms.

**Inventories**.--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.