



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

August 12, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

This questionnaire pertains to silica bricks and shapes. The United States International Trade Commission is investigating silica bricks and shapes under the provisions of section 731 of the Tariff Act of 1930.

In this proceeding, the Commission must determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or is threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of imports from China of silica bricks and shapes that have been found to be sold in the United States at less than fair value. The Commission will post its notice of this proceeding (attached) on its website (www.usitc.gov) and publish it in the *Federal Register*.

The business proprietary information you supply in this questionnaire or in connection therewith will be so treated by the Commission and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law. Your response will be consolidated with the responses of other firms and will form much of the statistical base for the Commission's determination. The questions in the 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.

As noted in the instruction booklet, responding firms should submit their questionnaire responses electronically in MS Word format. The submission of questionnaire responses in the MS Word format allows the Commission to electronically extract data from questionnaires and thus, compile, assess, and analyze submitted data more efficiently and promptly. Furthermore, the electronic submission of questionnaires completed in MS Word facilitates the Commission's ability to produce documents that comply with section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Commission by no later than September 9, 2013. Please direct questions regarding the questionnaire and correspondence to Cynthia Trainor (cynthia.trainor@usitc.gov, 202-205-3354) at the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20436. Correspondence may be sent to the above address or via FAX to 202-205-3205.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine DeFilippo".

Catherine DeFilippo
Director

Attachments