OFFICE OF INVESTIGATIONS

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

February 1, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This questionnaire pertains to rubber bands. The United States International Trade Commission is investigating rubber bands under the provisions of Title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930.

In this proceeding, the Commission must determine whether there is a reasonable indication that 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, Sri Lanka, and Thailand of rubber bands that are allegedly subsidized and sold in the United States at less than fair value. The Commission has issued its notice of this proceeding (attached), which will be posted on its website (www.usitc.gov) and published 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 on the last page of the questionnaire, 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 February 13, 2018. Please direct questions regarding the questionnaire and correspondence to Amanda Lawrence (amanda.lawrence@usitc.gov, 202-205-3185) 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,

Douglas Corkran

Douglas Corkran
Acting Director

Attachments