



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

**GRANULAR POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE RESIN FROM
ITALY AND JAPAN
Investigation Nos. 731-TA-385-386 (Second 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 members of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--In August 1988, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of granular polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) resin from Italy and Japan (53 F.R. 33163 and 53 F.R. 32267, respectively). On December 1, 2004, 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 (69 F.R. 69954). If the Commission makes affirmative determinations, the orders will remain in place. If the Commission makes negative determinations, the Department of Commerce will revoke the orders.

Additional questionnaires will be supplied promptly upon request, or photocopies of the enclosed questionnaire(s) may be used. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding this review 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 July 7, 2005. 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 July 7, 2005. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Fred Ruggles. **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 the review.**

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 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

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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.

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 the 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.

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Consolidate all establishments in Italy and/or Japan.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in Italy or Japan. **Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.**

DEFINITIONS

Granular polytetrafluorethylene (PTFE) resin.--Granular PTFE resin, filled or unfilled, including (for product from Italy only) PTFE wet raw polymer. The scope of these investigations excludes PTFE dispersions in water and PTFE fine powders. Imports of granular PTFE resin are covered by subheading 3904.61.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS).

Filled granular PTFE resin.--Granular PTFE resins that are mixed with filler materials, such as glass, graphite, bronze, or carbon, either through a mechanical mixing process to produce low-flow filled resins or in a solvent to produce free-flowing (agglomerized) filled resins.

Unfilled granular PTFE resin.--Granular PTFE resin that is not filled.

Reprocessed (scrap) PTFE.--Granular PTFE which is generally rejected or waste material obtained from processors of virgin granular PTFE. Processing involves reduction of particle size through repeated cutting processes, chemical cleaning, and drying.

PTFE aqueous dispersions (PTFE dispersions).--PTFE homopolymers converted from the monomer through dispersion polymerization to form submicron PTFE particles dispersed in water.

PTFE fine powder.--PTFE homopolymers agglomerated from PTFE aqueous dispersions and dried to form a powder.

PTFE wet raw polymer.--Wet, unfinished granular PTFE polymer recovered from the suspension polymerization process reaction of tetrafluoroethylene (TFE) monomer.

Both PTFE dispersions and PTFE fine powder will form fibers (will fibrillate) but granular PTFE will not.

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.

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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 Italy and/or Japan involved in the production of granular PTFE resin (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

United States.--For purposes of this review, 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 granular PTFE resin (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 Italy and/or Japan, including production consumed internally within your firm.

Shipments.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Italy and/or Japan.

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 Italy and/or Japan.

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

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

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Export shipments--Shipments to destinations outside Italy and/or Japan, including shipments to related firms.

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