

May 18, 2009

Mr. Thoan Ngo, Commercial Counselor
Mr. Tran Viet, Commercial Attaché
Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam
Vietnam Trade Office
1730 M Street, NW, Suite 501
Washington, DC 20036

Re: Countervailing Duty Investigation of Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

Dear Mr. Ngo and Mr. Viet:

The U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting a countervailing duty investigation of polyethylene retail carrier bags from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (PRCBs or the subject merchandise). As part of our investigation, we are requesting that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (hereinafter, the GOV) and the identified producers/exporters provide answers to the enclosed questionnaire.

We have selected three (3) producers/exporters as respondents in this investigation (listed in alphabetical order), Advance Polybag Co., Ltd. (Advance Polybag), Chin Sheng Co., Ltd. (Chin Sheng), and Fotai Vietnam Enterprise Corporation (Fotai). See Selection of Respondents for the Countervailing Duty Investigation of Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, May 13, 2009 (Respondent Selection Memorandum).

A Vietnamese press report provided in the petition quotes the Secretary General of the Vietnamese Plastic Association as stating that “some foreign-invested plastic producers just package their finished products in Vietnam and then export them with certificates of origin issued by Vietnamese authorities.” (See “Vietnam’s Plastic Bags under US Lawsuit Threat” at Exhibit 3 of the petition.) We need to confirm that any company selected as a mandatory respondent is actually a producer of the subject merchandise and not merely a repackager of merchandise produced elsewhere. Therefore, we are requesting confirmation that each of the respondents is actually a Vietnamese producer of the subject merchandise, or is selling subject merchandise produced by another firm in Vietnam.

In this questionnaire, we are requesting information on programs which may constitute subsidies under U.S. law which were alleged in the petition and on which the Department initiated an investigation. The Department has taken no position on whether these programs are subsidies in this case, and our request for information on these programs does not imply that we will

necessarily find them to be subsidies. Our decisions on those questions will be made on the basis of information received during this proceeding (including information from you) in light of the applicable provisions of U.S. law.

Please submit the response to the questionnaire by **June 24, 2009**. All questionnaire responses should be submitted in accordance with the filing guidelines in Section I of this questionnaire. If you are unable to respond to this questionnaire within the specified time limits or are unable to provide the information in the form required, please contact one of the officials in charge of this investigation (identified on the front page of the questionnaire) immediately. We will attempt to accommodate any difficulties you encounter in answering this questionnaire. However, that accommodation cannot conflict with our obligation to conduct the investigation within the timeliness and informational requirements of U.S. law.

Please note that the GOV is responsible for forwarding copies of this cover letter, Section I (General Instructions) of the questionnaire, and Section III of the questionnaire to the three (3) producers/ exporters subject to this investigation, listed above. Each of the three (3) producer/exporters listed above must complete Section III of the questionnaire. **These companies must submit their responses to Section III of the questionnaire by June 24, 2009.** As a courtesy to Advance Polybag, Chin Sheng, and Fotai, we are also providing copies of this questionnaire to their respective counsel.

Should you need further assistance or information with regard to this investigation, please contact Jack Zhao or Gene Calvert at (202) 482-1396 or (202) 482-3586, respectively.

Sincerely,

Barbara E. Tillman
Director
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Enclosure