U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

PRODUCT

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than INSERT DATE

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The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its **countervailing duty/antidumping** investigation(s) concerning **PRODUCT** from **COUNTRY** (inv. No. **701/731-TA-xxx** (**Preliminary/Final**)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, title VII. This report is mandatory and failure to reply as directed can result in a subpoena or other order to compel the submission of records or information in your possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from **ECONOMIST** (202-205-xxxx, NAME@usitc.gov).

Name of firm									
Address City					Zin Code				
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

The questions in this 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. Public reporting burden for this questionnaire is estimated to average 25 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering the data needed, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire. Send comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to the Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436.

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questionnaire (see pa	redProvide the name and address ge 3 of the instruction booklet for the specify the stock exchange and the	reporting guidelines). If	
OwnershipIs your	firm owned, in whole or in part, by	y any other firm?	
□ No □ Y	esList the following information		
Firm name	Address		xtent of wnership
domestic or foreign,	mporters/exportersDoes your for the street of the stree	RODUCT from COUNT	RY into the
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Firm name	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>1</u>

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

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Firm name and country	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
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Related producersDoes are engaged in the production	•	ms, either domestic or foreign, w
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PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>Contact information.</u> Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission
staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. <u>Purchases.</u>--Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of **PRODUCT**. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

Item	2009	2010	2011
Purchases of PRODUCT produced in The United States: Quantity (in units)			
Country A: Quantity (in units)			
Country B: Quantity (in units)			
All other countries: ¹ Quantity (in units)			
¹ Please identify these countries:		-	•

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>—Please indicate how the relative levels of your firm's purchases of **PRODUCT** from different sources have changed in the last three years.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
COUNTRY						
All other countries						

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-3.	<u>Purchases from one country only</u> If your firm has purchased PRODUCT from only one						
	country, please explain the reasons for doing so.						

II-4. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for **PRODUCT** since 2010. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of **PRODUCT** that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2012.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2012 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	<u>Firm type.</u> Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of PRODUCT (check all that apply)?
	☐ End user (type 1) ☐ End user (type 2) ☐ Distributor ☐ Other (Describe:)
III-2.	<u>Competition for sales.</u> If you are a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of PRODUCT , do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase PRODUCT ?
	☐ No ☐ YesPlease describe.
III-3.	<u>Types of customers.</u> If your firm is a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of PRODUCT , what are the major types of consumers to which you sell PRODUCT ?
III-4.	End usesIf your firm is an end user of PRODUCT, list in order of quantity of PRODUCT

III-4. **End uses.**--If your firm is an end user of **PRODUCT**, list in order of quantity of **PRODUCT** consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases **PRODUCT** as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by **PRODUCT** and other inputs.

	Share of total cost in you produce a		
Product(s) you produce	PRODUCT (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%

III-5.	<u>Demai</u>	nd for end ı	use products						
	(a)	If your firm is an end user of PRODUCT , has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating PRODUCT changed since 2010?							
		Increas	sed No change De	crease	d [Fluctuated			
	(b)	Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for PRODUCT ?							
		□ No	YesPlease describ	e.					
III-6.	Substi	tutesCan	other products be substituted	for Pl	RODI	UCT?			
		☐ No	YesPlease fill out	the tal	ble be	low.			
			End use in which this	Hav		nnges in the prices of this substitute ected the price for PRODUCT?			
	Substi	tute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation			
1.									
2.									
3									

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-7. <u>Demand trends.</u>-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for **PRODUCT** has changed since January 1, 2009. Explain any trends and describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					

3.	<u>Importance of purchasing domestic product.</u> Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of PRODUCT (check ALL that apply)?
	 No YesPurchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves percent of all purchases of PRODUCT. YesPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of PRODUCT. YesPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of PRODUCT.

III-9.	Conditions of competition									
	a) Is the PRODUCT market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition (including seasonal business) distinctive to PRODUCT ?									
	☐ No (skip to	☐ No (skip to question III-10.) ☐ Yes Please describe and then answer part (b).								
		(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for PRODUCT since January 1, 2010?								
	☐ No	Yes	Please des	cribe.						
III-10.	the extent that you know, do your CT based on the producer of the									
		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discuss how your firm/customers determine the producer and why this information is important				
	Your firm									
	Your	П	П	П	П					

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-11.	<u>Decisions based on country-of-origin</u> Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do
	your customers make purchasing decisions involving PRODUCT based on the country of origin
	of the PRODUCT you purchase?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discuss how your firm/customers determine the source and why this information is important
Your firm					
Your customers					

(a)	How frequently	y do you mal	ke purchases of PRODUC I	(check one)?
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Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

(b)	Have you m 2010?	ade significant changes in your purchasing patterns (e.g., frequency) since
		Yes—Please describe.

III-13. <u>Number of suppliers contacted</u>.--How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase? _____ firms

III-14.	Supplie	er negotiations
	(a)	Do purchases of PRODUCT usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease describe these negotiations, noting whether purchasers generally quote competing prices as part of the negotiation process.
	(b)	Does your firm tend to vary its purchases from a given supplier within a specified time period based on the price offered for that period?
		☐ No ☐ YesSpecify the time period.
III-15.	Change	e in suppliersHave you changed suppliers since 2009?
	No	YesPlease list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, the reasons for the change, and how frequently you change suppliers.
III-16.		appliers. Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have the market since 2009?
	☐ No	YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you became aware of them

III-17.	Supplier qualification								
	(a) Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell PRODUCT to your firm?								
	☐ No	Yes	percent of purchases in 2012	Yesall purchases					
	describe the f	(b) Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process. Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.)							
	(c) How long	does it take to	qualify a new supplier?days						
III-18.			009, have any domestic or foreign produ DUCT with your firm or have any prod						
	□ No		ase identify these firms, the countries was why they failed the certification/quali						
III-19.	generally consorder (example	sidered by your es include avai	-Please list, in order of their importance firm in deciding from whom to purcha lability, extension of credit, contracts, pational supplier, etc.).	se PRODUCT for any one					
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	2.								
	3.	ov other feeters	s that are very important in your purcha	na daginiana:					
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PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-20. <u>Purchasing factors</u>.--For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for **PRODUCT**.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

III-21.	<u>Quality characteristics.</u> What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of PRODUCT ?									
III-22.	<u>Frequency of decisions based on price</u> How often does your firm purchase the PRODUCT that is offered at the lowest price?									
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never						
II-23.	Price leaders.— A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price change, either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms that have a significant impact on prices. A price leader is not necessarily the lowest priced supplier. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the PRODUCT market since 2010. Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership.									

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

1.	<u>Country knowledge</u> Please indicate the countries of origin for PRODUCT for which your fi has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.										
	☐ United States										
	☐ COUNTRY	☐ COUNTRY									
	Other countr	ies (specify									
	Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below: A = the products from a specified country-pair are <i>always</i> interchangeable F = the products are <i>frequently</i> interchangeable S = the products are <i>sometimes</i> interchangeable N = the products are <i>never</i> interchangeable 0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair										
	0 - no ja	imiliarily with produ	ous mom a specime								
	Country-pair	COUNTRY 1	COUNTRY 2	COUNTRY 3	Other countries						
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	Country-pair		-	COUNTRY 3	Other countries						
	Country-pair United States		-	COUNTRY 3	Other countries						

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS -- Continued

IV-3. **Factors other than price.--**Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between **PRODUCT** produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N =such differences are *never* significant

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	COUNTRY 1	COUNTRY 2	COUNTRY 3	Other countries						
United States										
COUNTRY 1										
COUNTRY 2										
COUNTRY 3										
For any country-pair for which factors other than price always or frequently are a significant factor in your firm's purchases of PRODUCT, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:										

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

Country preferences -Do you or your customers ever specifically order PRODUCT from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?							
No YesPlease identify all relevant countries (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why PRODUCT from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).							
Availability of merchandiseAre certain grades/types/sizes of PRODUCT available from only a single source (domestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?							
☐ No ☐ YesPlease identify the source and the grade/type/size.							
Choice of product not based on priceIf you purchased PRODUCT from one source although a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price, please explain your reasons for doing so (please specify by country, including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Possibilities might include transaction characteristics such as length of time to fill orders, minimum order size, reliability of supply, etc.							

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS -- Continued

IV-7. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>--For the factors listed below, please rate how **PRODUCT** produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with **PRODUCT** produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). **Duplicate (copy and paste) this table to account for a reasonable number of country comparisons given the number of countries subject to the proceeding and delete this note.**

	product from United States compared to product from COUNTRY 1		product from United States compared to product from COUNTRY 2			product from COUNTRY 1 compared to product from COUNTRY 2			
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

IV-7. *Continued.*

	product from United States compared to product from Nonsubject countries		product from COUNTRY 1 compared to product from Nonsubject countries			product from COUNTRY 2 compared to product from Nonsubject countries			
	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS--Continued

IV-8. <u>Minimum quality</u>.--How often does **PRODUCT** from the following countries meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
COUNTRY 1					
COUNTRY 2					
NS COUNTRY 1					
Other:					
Other:					