

CHAIRMAN



UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20436

Dear Sir or Madam:

September 25, 2007

On November 27, 2006, the United States International Trade Commission (Commission), at the request of the Committee on Finance of the U.S. Senate (Committee), instituted investigation No. 332-481, *Industrial Biotechnology: Development and Adoption by the U.S. Chemical and Biofuel Industries*, under authority of section 332(g) of the Trade Act of 1930. To gather information on industrial biotechnology as related to these two industries, the Commission is using the questionnaire that is on the enclosed CD.

The information developed through this questionnaire will allow the Commission to document the contribution of industrial biotechnology to the U.S. economy, and the conditions affecting U.S. companies and their ability to compete internationally. Such information will be valuable to both U.S. policymakers and industry participants.

The Commission will report its findings to the Committee on July 2, 2008, and the Committee has indicated it intends to make this report available to the public. Questionnaire data used in the Commission's report will be aggregated and presented in such a manner that the individual operations or responses of any one organization cannot be identified.

The Commission regularly handles proprietary information included in questionnaire responses, and has well developed procedures designed to safeguard the confidentiality of questionnaire responses. Further, this questionnaire does not request information that relates to sensitive issues such as specific business plans or trade secrets.

To determine whether your organization is within the scope of this investigation, open the questionnaire in Microsoft Word for Windows and read the instructions carefully, especially the completion criteria explained in the "Who Must Complete this Questionnaire" section on page 3. Completion of the questionnaire is required by law for all organizations that meet these criteria. Please return the completed questionnaire by **October 31, 2007**.

If you have difficulties using the CD or need any other assistance, please contact:

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Thank you in advance for your assistance in this important study.

Sincerely,


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