## 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).

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Address							
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#### PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

**Hours** 

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.

I-1a.	OMB statisticsPlease report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of
	preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

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I-1b.	<b>OMB feedback</b> We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this
	questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your
	response or send them to the above address.

OwnershipI	s your firm owned	l, in whole or in part, by a	ny other firm?
OwnershipI	_	i, in whole or in part, by a following information.	ny other firm?

# PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

Related SUBJECT importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in importing PRODUCT from COUNTRY into the United States or which are engaged in exporting PRODUCT from COUNTRY to the United States?						
□ No □ Yes-	-List the following information.					
Firm name	Address	Affiliation				
domestic or foreign, which COUNTRY into the Unit other than COUNTRY to	ch are engaged in importing <b>PRO</b> ited States or which are engaged	our firm have any related firms, eit ODUCT from countries other than in exporting PRODUCT from countries of the countries of				
Firm name and countr	y Address	Affiliation				
Related producersDo are engaged in the produ	·	ms, either domestic or foreign, wh				
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are engaged in the produ	ction of <b>PRODUCT</b> ?	ms, either domestic or foreign, wh  Affiliation				
are engaged in the produ	ction of <b>PRODUCT</b> ?  -List the following information.					
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## PART II.--PURCHASES

<b>Contact information.</b>	Please identify	the responsible	individual and	d the manner b	y which C	ommission
staff may contact that in	dividual regardi	ng the confiden	tial information	on submitted in	this quest	tionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. **Purchases.**--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	2010	2011	2012
Purchases of PRODUCT produced in The United States: Quantity (in UNITS)			
Country A: Quantity (in UNITS)			
Country B: Quantity (in UNITS)			
All other countries: <sup>1</sup> Quantity (in UNITS)			
<sup>1</sup> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUC</b>	T
	(check all that apply)?	

End user (type 1)	End user (type 2)	Distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor of PRODUCT, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

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	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers.</u> If your firm is a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of <b>PRODUCT</b> , what are the major types of consumers to which you sell <b>PRODUCT</b> ?

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

If your firm is an end user of PRODUCT, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--List the top 3 products you make using **PRODUCT** and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by **PRODUCT** and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in e produce ac				
Product(s) you produce	PRODUCT		Other inputs		Total
	%	+	%	=	100%
	%	+	%	=	100%
	%	+	%	=	100%

III-5.	<b>Demand</b>	for	end	use	products

(a) If your firm is an <u>end user</u> of **PRODUCT**, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating **PRODUCT** changed since 2010?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for **PRODUCT**?

No	Yes	Explain

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reasons (explain:

	Er	nd use in v	which this	Hav			rices of this substee for PRODUCT?
Substitute		substitute		No	Yes	E	Explanation
				-			
Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluct with no	clear	Ехр	lanation and facto
Within the United States							
Outside the United States							
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percentage of produced in t	Your firm' he United S	s total 201 States.	2 purchases	of <b>PR</b> (			Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2012 purchases of PRODUCT
percentage of	Your firm' he United S	s total 201 States.	2 purchases	of PRO	ODUC	Γ that requir	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2012 purchases

III-9.	Conditions of competition										
	(a) Is the <b>PRODUCT</b> market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to <b>PRODUCT</b> ?										
	<ul> <li>No (skip to question III-10.)</li> <li>Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business).</li> <li>Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition.</li> </ul>										
	If yes, descri	be below.									
	Business o	ycles									
	Other cond										
	(b) Have their <b>PRODUCT</b>			he business cyc	eles or con	nditions of competition for					
	No	Yes	If yes, desc	ribe.							
III-10.	-10. <u>Decisions based on producer.</u> Does your firm or, to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving <b>PRODUCT</b> based on the producer of the <b>PRODUCT</b> you purchase?										
		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										

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

III-11.	<b><u>Decisions based on country-of-origin</u></b> Does your firm or, 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					

III-12.	Purchasing frequ	ency	
III <sub>-</sub> 12	Purchasing frequ	ency	

(a) How frequently do you make purchases of **PRODUCT** (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

(b) Have you made significant changes in your purchasing patterns (e.g., frequency) since January 1, 2010?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-13. Number of suppliers contacted.--How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms

PART	III <u>MA</u>	RKET	CHAR!	ACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICESContinued
III-14.	Supplie	r negoti	ations	-
		Do purc purchase		PRODUCT usually involve negotiations between supplier and
		No	Yes	If yes, please describe these negotiations, noting whether purchasers generally quote competing prices as part of the negotiation process.
				tend to vary its purchases from a given supplier within a specified time the price offered for that period?
		No	Yes	If yes, specify the time period.
III-15.	Change	in supp	oliersF	Have you changed suppliers since January 1, 2010?
		No	Yes	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, the reasons for the change, and how frequently you change suppliers.
III-16.				u aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have January 1, 2010?
		No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms and indicate how you became aware of them.
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III-17.	Supplie	er qualification						
	(a)		quire your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell CT to your firm?					
		☐ No	Yes- Please answer (b) and (c).					
	(b) Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process. Bridescribe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier ( <i>e.g.</i> , qualit product, reliability of supplier, etc.).							
	(c)	How long	does it take to qualify a new supplier? days					
III-18.	attempt	e to certify as to certify ed status?	Since January 1, 2010, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their or qualify their <b>PRODUCT</b> with your firm or have any producers lost their					
	No	Yes	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.					
III-19.	Major purchasing factorsPlease list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase <b>PRODUCT</b> for any one order (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).							
	1.							
	2.							
	3. Please	e list any ot	her factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:					

# 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 firm's purchasing decisions 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			
Product range			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Quality meets industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs	П		

II-21.	Quality characteristics quality of PRODUCT?		loes your firm consider w	hen determining the					
II-22.	Frequency of decisions that is offered at the low		often does your firm purc	hase the <b>PRODUCT</b>					
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never					
I-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 January 1, 2010. Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership.								

## PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Country knowledge</u>.--Please indicate the countries of origin for **PRODUCT** for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	COUNTRY	COUNTRY	Other countries (specify)

IV-2. <u>Interchangeability by country-pair</u>.--Is **PRODUCT** produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)?

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

A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable

F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable

S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable

N = the products are *never* interchangeable

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				
	r-pair producing <b>PRC</b> the factors that limit o			rchangeable,

## PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS -- Continued

IV-3. **Factors other than price.--**Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, 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				
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No	Yes	If yes, please identify all relevant countries (including the United State and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries) from which you or your customers prefer to order, and indicate why PRODUCT from thes countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note to specific product in your response).
a single	source (d	omestic or foreign, including both subject and nonsubject countries)?
a single s	Yes	If yes, please identify the source and the grade/type/size.
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## 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.** 

	compared to product from			United cor pro	product from Inited 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 <sup>1</sup>										
Product consistency										
Product range										
Quality exceeds industry standards										
Quality meets industry standards										
Reliability of supply										
Technical support/service										
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>										

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 <sup>1</sup>									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs <sup>1</sup>									

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.	Minimum qualityHow 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:					

IV-9.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below.