U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

INVESTIGATION TITLE

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by **DATE**

See last page for filing instructions.

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 _____

City	State Zip Code	-
Website		_
Has your firm purchase since January 1, 2012?	ed PRODUCT (as defined on next page) from <u>any</u> source (domestic or foreign) at any tim	e
NO (Sign the	e certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)	
YES (Comple	ete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission)	
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>Background.</u> This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on <u>DATE</u>, by <u>COMPANY NAME</u>, <u>CITY</u>, <u>STATE</u>. <u>Countervailing/antidumping</u> duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of <u>subsidization/dumping</u>. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at <u>LINK</u>.

PRODUCT covered by these investigations is . . . COMMERCE SCOPE LANGAUGE

<u>Purchaser</u>.--Any firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in purchasing product from another firm that produces, imports, or otherwise distributes product.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire 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, general 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.

<u>Verification</u>.-- The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

Release of information.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, 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 this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings 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.

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Hours	Dollars		
The questions in	this questionna	ire have been reviewe	ed with market participants to ensure
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	•		this questionnaire is estimated to ave
•	•	~	ewing instructions, gathering data,
completing and	reviewing the qu	uestionnaire.	
We welcome c	omments regar	ding the accuracy of	this burden estimate, suggestions
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Washington, DC	20436.		
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4.		$\underline{\textbf{Related SUBJECT importers/exporters}}. Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic$						
	or foreign, which import product from Country into the United States or which export product							
	from Country to the Unite	from Country to the United States?						
	☐ No ☐ YesL	☐ No ☐ YesList the following information.						
	Firm name	Address	Affiliation					
5.	domestic or foreign, which States or which export pro	n import <mark>product</mark> from counti	r firm have any related firms, either ries other than Country into the United an Country to the United States?					
	Firm name and country	Address	Affiliation					
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j.	Related producersDoes produce product?	your firm have any related fi	rms, either domestic or foreign, which					
	☐ No ☐ YesL	ist the following information.						
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PART II.--PURCHASES

Contact information. Please	e identify the responsible individual and the manner by which	h Commission
staff may contact that individ	dual regarding the confidential information submitted in this	questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. <u>Purchases.</u>— Report your firm's U.S. purchases of <u>product</u>. (Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire).

Item	2012	2013	2014
Purchases of product produced in		Quantity (in units)	
United States			
Country A			
Country B			
All other countries:1			
¹ Please identify these countries:			

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares 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						

I-3.	Purchases from one country onlyIf 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 <u>product</u> since January 1, 2012. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of <u>product</u> that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2014.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2014 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	Firm typeWhich 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 other

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

III-2.	<u>Competition for sales.</u> Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers
	or importers from which your firm purchases product?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	<u>Types of customers</u> What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells prod				

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 your firm makes using product and estimate the percent of your <u>total production cost</u> that is accounted for by <u>product</u> and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in each of the product(s) your firm produces accounted for by				Total (should
Product(s) your firm produces	PRODUCT		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %
	%	+	%	Ш	0.0 %

III-5.	Demand for	end use	products
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(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating product changed since January 1, 2012?

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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II-6. <u>Substitutes</u> Can other products be substituted for product?							
□N	0	YesPle	ease fill out	the tal	ole.		
	F	nd use in w	thich this	ı	Have	_	prices of this substitute price for product?
Substitute	-	substitute		No	Yes		Explanation
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2.							
3.							
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your customers to be domestic product

Total (should sum to 100.0%)

(explain:

Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons

III-9.	Conditions	of com	petition
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(a)	s the product market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wic	эb
	onditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to product?	

Check all that apply.		Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-10.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	
(b)	Have there been any changes	in the business cycles or conditions of competition for

(b)	Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for
	product since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-10. <u>Decisions based on producer and country-of-origin.</u>--How often does your firm, and if known, do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving <u>product</u> based on its producer or country of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.				
	Decision based on producer								
Your firm									
Your customers									
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin				
Your firm									
Your customers									

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III-11.	1, 2012? Do you anticipate any future changes?									
	Availab	ility in t market	he U.S.	No		Please explain, changes.	noting the c	ountries	and reasons for the	
	U.Spro	oduced _l	oroduct							
	Subject	imports	5							
	Nonsub	ject imp	orts							
III-12.	product order er	since Ja ntry," de	nuary 1 clining t	, 2012 o acce	(exan	ples include pla	acing custom renew existi	ers on all	opply your firm with location or "controlled mers, delivering less litments, etc.)?	
	No Yes If yes, please describe.									
III-13.	. Purchasing frequency (a) How frequently does your firm make purchases of product (check one)?									
		Daily	Weekl	y N	Ionthl	y Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify	
	(b)	Has this	purcha	sing fr	equen	cy changed sinc	e January 1,	2012?		
		No	Yes	If yes	s, plea	se describe.				
III-14. III-15.	making a purchase? Between and firms									
		No	Yes	1 -				-	egotiates and note ring negotiations.	

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No	If yes, please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, and the reasons for the change.

III-17. New suppliers.--Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since January 1, 2012?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the firms.

III-18. <u>Supplier qualification</u>--Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell <u>product</u> to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Number of days	Process and factors

III-19. <u>Failure to certify.</u>--Since January 1, 2012, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their product with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

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III-20.	firm exte	<u>Major purchasing factors</u> Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors you firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase <u>product</u> (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier etc.).							
	1.								
	2.								
	3.								
	Ple	ase list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:							

III-21. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for product.

Factor	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			

Frequency of decisions based on priceHow often does your firm purchase the procoffered at the lowest price? Always Usually Sometimes Never Price leaders.— A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms significant impact on prices. A price leader is not necessarily the lowest-priced supplies				
Price leaders. — A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms that initiate a price either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms			often does your firm p	urchase the product
either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) one or more firms				
Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the <mark>product</mark> market January 1, 2012.	either upward or down significant impact on properties. Please list the names of	ward, that is followed rices. <i>A price leader is a</i>	by other firms, or (2) or not necessarily the lowe	ne or more firms tha est-priced supplier.

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

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

United States	COUNTRY 1	COUNTRY 2	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

IV-2. <u>Interchangeability.--</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	Country1	Country2	Country3	Other countries	
United States					
Country1					
Country2					
Country3					
For any country-pair producing product which is sometimes or never interchangeable, please					

For any country-pair producing product which is sometimes or never interchangeable, please identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

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	Country1	Country2	Country3	Other countries
United States				
Country1				
Country2				
Country3				

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:

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	-	<u>ices</u> Do you or your customers ever specifically order <u>product</u> from one ular over other possible sources of supply?
No	Yes	If yes, identify the countries and explain.
certain c	ountry s	ources?
certain c	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.
	, 	
	, 	
No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size. t not based on priceIf you purchased product from one country source
No Choice of although	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.

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. <u>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.</u>

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

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Factor	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									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
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									

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.

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If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

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Factor	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									
Product range									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Quality meets industry standards									
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.

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					
Other:					

IV-9.	Other explanations—If 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.

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at: LINK

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission's secure upload facility:

Web address: https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/ Pin: XXXX

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to NAME@usitc.gov; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm's business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.

If your firm does not purchase this product, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

Parties to this proceeding.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.