PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

CERTAIN FROZEN OR CANNED WARMWATER SHRIMP AND PRAWNS FROM BRAZIL, CHINA, ECUADOR, INDIA, THAILAND, AND VIETNAM

Return completed questionnaire to:

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

Office of Investigations, Room 615 500 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20436

So as to be received by the Commission by no later than October 4, 2004

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping investigations concerning certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns from Brazil, China, Ecuador, India, Thailand, and Vietnam (invs. Nos. 731-TA-1063-1068 (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 John Benedetto (202-205-3270; john.benedetto@usitc.gov).

Address

City		State	Zip code
World W	/ide Web address		
	Firm purchased certain frozen or canned was source (domestic or foreign) at any time sin		defined in the instruction booklet)
□NO	(Sign the certification below and prompt	ly return only this page of the qu	uestionnaire to the Commission)
YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, or return the entire questionnaire to the Con		nnaire, sign the certification, and
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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS

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 20 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.		the actual number of hours required nnaire and completing the form.	and the cost to your fi	rm of preparing the
			hours	dollars
I-1b.		any comments you may have for imc questions. Please attach such comments		
I-2.		nd address of establishment(s) covere for reporting guidelines). If your firn trading symbol.	-	
I-3.	Is your firm owned,	in whole or in part, by any other firm	m?	
	□ No □	YesList the following information.		-1 - C
	Firm name	<u>Address</u>	<u>Exter</u> owne	<u>ership</u>

${\bf PART~I.--} \underline{\bf GENERAL~QUESTIONS} \textbf{--} Continued$

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\square No \square	YesList the following information.	
Firm name	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
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Firm name	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
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PART II.--PURCHASES

II-1. Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

(<i>Quantity</i> in pound	s, <i>value</i> in \$	1,000)		
Item	2001	2002	2003	JanJune 2004
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE U	JNITED STA	TES:		
Quantity				
Value				
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN BRAZ	IL:			
Quantity				
Value				
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PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN VIETN	IAM:			
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Value				
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¹ Please identify these countries:				<u> </u>

	Country	Increase/decrease	Reason
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(a) If your firm is an end user of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns, list in order of quantity of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns consumed, the top products for which your firm purchases certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the total cost is accounted for certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns.					
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•	demand for your fi		porating certain frozen or	r canned warmwater shrimp
	Increased	•	Decreased	
	(b) Has this had an and prawns?	y effect on your firm's d	emand for certain frozen	or canned warmwater shrimp
•		der of importance any pr shrimp and prawns.	oducts that may be substi	tuted for certain frozen or
	(1)	(2)	(3)	
	(b) For each possib which they are sub		ase give examples of app	olications and end uses for
	(c) Have changes is warmwater shrimp		lucts affected the price for	r certain frozen or canned
		Yes–Please explain.		
	•	ether the certain frozen o produced or imported?	r canned warmwater shrir	mp and prawns you are
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
	Do you know the p	_	certain frozen or canned	warmwater shrimp and
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never
	To your knowledge them?	e, are your customers aw	are of the country of original	in of the goods you supply
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-9.	Have you made significant increases or decreases in the frequency or volume of your purchases of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns in the last three years?
	No Yes-Please explain.
III-10.	How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?
III-11.	Have you changed suppliers since January 1, 2001? No Yes-Please list the suppliers, indicate whether each firm was added or dropped as a supplier, and give the reasons for the change.
III-12.	Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market in the last 3 years? No YesPlease identify the firms.
III-13.	Do you require your suppliers to satisfy an approval process with respect to the quality, appearance, size, consistency, or other characteristic of the certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns they sell to your firm? No Yes— percent of purchases in 2003 Yes—all purchases
	Please provide a general description of the approval process and the time required.

III-14.	Briefly describe the factors that you consider when approving a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to approve a new supplier.
III-15.	Since January 1, 2001, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to have their certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns approved by your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?
	No YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the approval process.
III-16.	Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns for any one order (examples include availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality meeting your firm's standards, quality exceeding your firm's standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, consistency from one shipment to another, proper cutting and handling, packing, etc.).
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	Other factors or comments:
III-17.	What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns?

III-18. For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns.

	CRY RTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability			
Consistency from one shipment to another			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Price			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product range			
Proper cutting, handling, and packing techniques			
Quality meets your firm's standards			
Quality exceeds your firm's standards .			
Reliability of supply			
Taste/flavor profile			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

III-19.	How often does your firm purchase the certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns that is offered at the lowest price?					
	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never		
III-20.	warmwater shrim as (1) one or more by other firms, or does not necessar leader, please spe	p and prawns market dur e firms that initiate a pric (2) one or more firms that ily have to be the lowest cify the time period in what upward or downward, and	e change, either upward or at have a significant impact priced supplier. For those hich a price change was co	O4. A price leader is defined a downward, that is followed at on prices. A price leader a firms identified as a price		
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III-21.	Please describe h	ow the above firm(s) exh	ibited price leadership.			
III-22.	warmwater shrim			ertain frozen or canned ries, or does your firm vary		
	Always/usual	ly purchase the same size	es and species			
	Vary purchas	es by size and species				
	Please explain wh	ny your firm does or does	not vary purchases by size	e and species:		
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23.	. Is there any seasonality in the supply of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and pr available from the following sources, or is it available year-round at the same levels?				
	United States:				
	Brazil:				
	China:				
	Ecuador:				
	India:				
	Thailand:				
	Vietnam:				

This question seeks further information about certain products within the definition of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp or prawns.						
(a) Do changes in the price of frozen shrimp in blocks affect the price of IQF (individually quick frozen) shrimp, and vice versa?						
Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
Please explain whether you could or do purchase block frozen or IQF frozen shrimp for the same end uses.						
(b) Do changes in the price of peeled frozen shrimp affect the price of shell-on headless frozen shrimp, and vice versa?						
Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
the same end uses		ourchase peeled and shell-on	headless frozen shrimp for			
(c) Do changes in shrimp, and vice	•	d-caught shrimp affect the pr	rice of frozen farm-raised			
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shrimp, and vice Always	versa?		Never			
shrimp, and vice Always Please explain where the strength of	versa?	Sometimes	Never			
shrimp, and vice Always Please explain where the strength of	versa?	Sometimes	Never			

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued (d) Do changes in the price of frozen shrimp of one species affect the price of frozen shrimp of another species, and vice versa? Always Usually Usually Sometimes Never Please explain whether you could or do purchase shrimp of different species for the same end uses. (e) Do changes in the price of frozen shrimp of one size count affect the price of other sizes of frozen shrimp, and vice versa? Usually Sometimes Never ☐ Always Please explain whether you could or do purchase shrimp of different counts for the same end uses. (f) Do changes in the price of frozen shrimp affect the price of canned shrimp, and vice versa? ___ Usually Sometimes __ Always Please explain whether you could or do purchase frozen shrimp for the same end uses as canned shrimp, and any important similarities or differences between frozen and canned shrimp.

If your answer to any question in this section differs for canned warmwater shrimp versus frozen warmwater shrimp, please indicate how the answer differs.

for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.								
United States								
Braz		hina 🔲	Ecuador	India	☐ Tha	niland \Box	Vietnam	
Othe	er countries	(Please spe	ecify					
IV-2. Are certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (i.e., can they physically be used in the same applications)? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that the products from a specified country-pair are <i>always</i> interchangeable, "F" to indicate that the products are <i>frequently</i> interchangeable, "S" to indicate that the products are <i>sometimes</i> interchangeable, "N" to indicate that the products are <i>never</i> interchangeable, and "0" to indicate <i>no familiarity</i> with products from a specified country-pair. ¹								
Country-pair	United States	Brazil	China	Ecuador	India	Thailand	Vietnam	Other countries
United States								
Brazil								
China								
Ecuador								
India								
Thailand								
Vietnam								
¹ For any country-pair producing certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns which are <i>sometimes or never</i> interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:								

IV-3.	Do you or your customers ever specifically order certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns 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 certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns from these countries is preferred over product from other countries (please note the specific product in your response).					
IV-4.	Are certain grades/types/sizes of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns 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.					
IV-5.	If you purchased certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns 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.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-6. For the factors listed below, please rate how certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries). Copy this page as necessary to cover all possible country combinations and please attach any comments you care to make concerning your responses, especially in comparisons where you rate product from one country superior or inferior to product from another.

con	compared to					
(specify country)	(specify cou	intry)				
SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR				
Availability						
Consistency from one shipment to another						
Delivery terms						
Delivery time						
Discounts offered						
Extension of credit						
Lower price						
Minimum qty requirements						
Packaging						
Product range						
Proper cutting, handling, and packing techniques						
Quality meets your firm's standards . \square						
Quality exceeds your firm's standards						
Reliability of supply						
Taste/flavor profile						
Technical support/service						
Lower U.S. transportation costs						
Other (specify	П					

PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-/.	prawns meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?							
	Always		Sometimes	Rarely or never				
	(b) How often does imported subject certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?							
	Always	☐ Usually ☐	Sometimes	☐ Rarely or never				
	(c) How often does imported nonsubject certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?							
	Country		vs Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never			
	Country		vs Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never			
	Country		vs Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never			

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please provide the names and addresses of your firm's five largest suppliers of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns purchased during 2001-2003. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of certain frozen or canned warmwater shrimp and prawns that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2003.

No.	Supplier's name	Street address (<u>not</u> P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2003 pur- chases (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					