PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE SOLID UREA FROM RUSSIA AND UKRAINE

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	rm purchased solid urea (as defined in the January 1, 1999?	instruction booklet) from any s	ource (domestic or foreign) at any
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YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, correturn the entire questionnaire to the Com		naire, 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 15 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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PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, which are engaged in the production of solid urea?			
\square_{No}	YesList the following information.		
Firm name	<u>Address</u>	Affiliation	
company or any	related firm have a business plan or any internal of	documents that describe,	
No	YesPlease provide the requested documents requested documents, please explain wh		
Please indicate solid urea.	the year in which your firm began operation and w	when it first began to purchase	
		imports (aithor directly or	
	IIPURCHAS	production of solid urea? No YesList the following information. Firm name Address In Part III of this questionnaire we request a copy of your company company or any related firm have a business plan or any internal discuss, or analyze expected future market conditions for solid ures requested documents, please explain when the requested documents, please explain when the requested documents and we requested the year in which your firm began operation and we recommend the requested documents are also the requested documents.	

II-1. Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases, including your imports (either directly or through a sales agent or broker), of solid urea. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

	Item	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
PURCHASES OF	SOLID UREA PRODUCED IN THE U	NITED STA	TES:	•	•		•
Quantity							
Value							
PURCHASES/IM	PORTS OF SOLID UREA PRODUCED	IN RUSSI	A:				
Quantity							
Value							
PURCHASES/IM	PORTS OF SOLID UREA PRODUCED	IN UKRAI	NE:				
Quantity							
Value							
PURCHASES/IM	PORTS OF SOLID UREA PRODUCED	IN ALL O	THER COU	NTRIES:1			
Quantity							
Value							

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of solid urea from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 1987 (the year the antidumping duty orders under review became effective), please list the country, state whether the relative share from that country has increased or decreased, and state the reason.

	Country	Increase/decrease	Reason				
(a)	Did your fir	m purchase solid urea fr	om Russia or Ukraine before 1987?				
	NoSki	p to (c)	Yes				
(b)	If yes, has y 1987?	our pattern of purchasin	g solid urea from Russia or Ukraine changed sind				
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.						
	Yes, we discontinued purchases from Russia or Ukraine because of the order.						
	Yes, we	Yes, we reduced purchases from Russia or Ukraine because of the order.					
		Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Russia or Ukraine for reasons other than the order (please explain below).					
(c)		attern of purchasing solic e check all that apply).	l urea from nonsubject foreign sources changed s				
	We did not purchase from nonsubject foreign sources before or after the order.						
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.						
	Yes, we increased purchases from nonsubject countries because of the order.						
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III-2.	(a) If your firm is a dist which you sell solid ure		lid urea, what are	the major types of consu	umers to	
	(b) Do you compete for you purchase solid urea		rs with the manuf	acturers or importers from	n which	
III-3.	products for which you	If your firm is an end user of solid urea, list in order of quantity of solid urea consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases solid urea as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by solid urea.				
	Product you produce	Perce	ent of cost accou	nted for by solid urea		
	1	1				
	2	2				
	3	3				
III-4.	(a) If your firm is an end user of solid urea has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating solid urea changed since 1987?					
	Increased	Unchanged	Decreased	I		
	(b) Has this had any eff	ect on your firm's dem	and for solid urea	?		

Have there	been any changes in the end uses of solid u	urea since 1987?
No	YesDiscuss the changes, noting	the time period in which they occurred.
Do you ant	icipate any changes in terms of the end use	s of solid urea in the future?
No		the time period. Provide any ng with relevant portions of business plans ntation, that address this issue.
(a) Please l	ist in order of importance any products that	t may be substituted for solid urea.
(1)	(2)	(3)
possible su equipment,	are substitutes. Please also indicate any fa bstitute product may serve as a substitute for crop type, weather conditions, etc. Please or disadvantages of solid urea vis-a-vis any	or solid urea, including, e.g., application also discuss any product/application
(c) Have ch	nanges in the prices of these products affect	ted the price for solid urea?
No	Yes–Please explain.	
Have there urea since	been any changes in the number or types o	of products that can be substituted for solid
No	YesPlease explain.	

III-9. Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for solid urea in

	the future?
	No YesPlease describe. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-10.	How has demand within the United States (and outside the United States, if known) for solid urea changed since 1987?
	Increased Unchanged Decreased
	Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
III-11.	Do you anticipate any future changes in solid urea demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?
	No YesPlease describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
III-12.	Please provide as separate attachments to this request any studies, surveys, etc., that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss solid urea demand and/or factors affecting solid urea demand in the (1) United States, (2) each of the major producing/consuming countries, including those subject to this review, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data on an annual basis from 1987 to the present and forecasts of these demand data.

III-13.	Have any changes occurred in any factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of raw materials, energy or labor; transportation conditions; production capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative production opportunities) that affected the availability of U.Sproduced solid urea in the U.S. market since 1987? No YesPlease note the time period(s) of any such changes, the factors(s) involved, and the impact such changes had on your shipment volumes and prices.
III-14.	Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of solid urea (please check ALL that apply)?
	$\square_{ m No}$
	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 solid urea.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of solid urea.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of solid urea.
III-15.	(a) Is the solid urea market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to solid urea?
	No YesPlease explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.
	(b) Has the emergence of new markets for solid urea since 1987 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to solid urea?
	No YesPlease explain any such changes.

III-16.	Who are your major	competitors?			
III-17.	Does your firm, and involving solid urea			our customers make purchasing decisurea you purchase?	sions
	Your firm:	Always	Usually	Sometimes Never	
	Your customers:	Always	Usually	Sometimes Never	
	If at least sometimes why this information		ow your firm or y	your customers determine the produ	cer and
	Your firm:				
	Your customers:				
III-18.				our customers make purchasing deci- he solid urea you purchase?	sions
	Your firm:	Always	Usually	Sometimes Never	
	Your customers:	Always	Usually	Sometimes Never	
	If at least sometimes, why this information		ow your firm or	your customers determine the source	e and
	Your firm:				
	Your customers:				

III-19.	(a) How frequently do you make purchases?
	Daily
	Other (specify)
	(b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years?
	No YesHow and why do you expect these changes to occur?
III-20.	How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase?
III-21.	(a) Do purchases of solid urea usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser? No YesPlease describe these negotiations. In your response, please comment
	on 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-22.	Have you changed suppliers in the last 5 years?
	YesPlease list the supplier or suppliers and indicate whether the firm was added or dropped as a supplier. Also give the reasons for the change and how frequently you change suppliers.

$PART~III.--\underline{MARKET~CHARACTERISTICS~AND~PURCHASING~PRACTICES}--Continued$

III-23.	(a) 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 and indicate how you become aware of them.
	(b) Do you expect new solid urea suppliers to enter the market in the future? No YesPlease provide details, noting the specific future time period in your
	response.
III-24.	Do you require your suppliers to become certified or prequalified with respect to the quality, chemistry, strength, or other performance characteristic of the solid urea they sell to your firm? No Yes— percent of purchases in 2004 Yes—all purchases
	Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process and the time required.
III_25	Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of
111 23.	product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier.
III-26.	Since 1987, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their solid urea with 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 certification/qualification process.
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III-27.	Since 1987, have you ever been unable to obtain solid urea from a particular supplier (domestic or foreign)?
	No YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they were unable to supply your firm.

III-28. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for solid urea.

	VERY IMPORTANT	SOMEWHAT IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Price			
Minimum qty requirements			
Packaging			
Product consistency			
Quality meets industry standard	ls		
Quality exceeds industry standa	ırds 🔲		
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

III-28.	 (b) Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by firm in deciding from whom to purchase solid urea for any one order (examples include cur availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality exceeding specification industry standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.). 1			
	2			
	Other factors or comments:			
III-29.	What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of solid urea?			
III-30.	How often does your firm purchase the solid urea that is offered at the lowest price?			
	Always Usually Sometimes Never			
III-31.	. Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the solid urea market since 1987. 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 does not necessarily have to be the lowest priced supplier. For those firms identified as a price leader, please specify the time period in which a price change was communicated, whether the price change was upward or downward, and whether it covered a specific geographic region or a specific product type.			
III-32.	Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.			
III-33.	How frequently does the price of the solid urea you are purchasing change?			

II-34.	a) If your firm purchases granular and prilled urea, are there any differences in the price your firm pays for those products?				
	No Yes–Please note the approximate difference and describe what accounts for the difference in price.				
	b) If you answered yes to part (a) of this question, please estimate the percentage by which granular urea prices would need to change relative to prilled urea before your firm would switch from granular urea to prilled urea.				
III-35.	Does your firm purchase solid urea over the internet?				
	No YesPlease describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of solid urea in 2004 accounted for by internet purchases.				
III-36	Do prices for solid urea in non-U.S. markets affect U.S. prices for solid urea? If yes, please explain.				
III-37.	(a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. solid urea industry since 1987 and explain fully, to the extent possible, the factor(s), including the order(s) under review, that was/(were) responsible for each improvement/change.				
	(b) Please also discuss fully, to the extent possible, any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. solid urea industry. Identify the specific future time period covered in your response, and discuss the factors that you believe would be responsible for each improvement/change.				
III-38.	What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty orders for imports of solid urea from Russia or Ukraine? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the antidumping duty orders on (1) the future activities of your firm, (2) the U.S. market as a whole, and (3) total U.S. supply and prices of solid urea. Please note the future time period to which you are referring. Attach additional pages if necessary.				
	(1) Activities of your firm:				
	(2) Entire U.S. market:				
	(3) Total U.S. supply and prices of solid urea:				

V-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for solid urea for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.				
United States				
Russia				
Ukraine	e			
Other c	ountries (Please spec	rify		
IV-2. Is solid urea produced in the United States and in other countries used interchangeably (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	Russia	Ukraine	Other countries
United States				
Russia				
Ukraine				
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Note: For any country pair for which your firm indicated having familiarity (i.e., by responding with something other than "0"), please explain the basis for that knowledge.				

IV-3.	Do you or your customers ever specifically order solid urea from one country in particular over other possible sources of supply?				
	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 solid urea 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 solid urea 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 solid urea 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.				

IV-6. For the factors listed below, please rate how solid urea produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with solid urea 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.

compa	red to	
(specify country)	(specify country)	
SUPERI	OR COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability		
Delivery terms		
Delivery time		
Discounts offered		
Extension of credit		
Lower price ¹		
Minimum qty requirements		
Packaging		
Product consistency		
Quality meets industry standards		
Quality exceeds industry standards		
Product range		
Reliability of supply		
Technical support/service		
Lower U.S. transportation costs		
Other (specify):		

¹ A lower price (for the country listed first relative to the country listed second) should be marked as "superior". A higher price (for the country listed first relative to the country listed second) should be marked as "inferior".

IV-7.	(a) How often does domestically produced solid urea meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?				
	☐ Always ☐ Usually ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely or never ☐ Do not know				
	(b) How often does imported subject solid urea meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?				
	☐ Always ☐ Usually ☐ Sometimes ☐ Rarely or never ☐ Do not know				
	(c) How often does imported nonsubject solid urea meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?	r			
	Country	w			
	Country	w			
	Country	w			
IV-8. (a) Since 1987, has there been a change in the price of solid urea? If so, has the price produced solid urea changed more or less than the price of imported solid urea from l Ukraine?					
	No change in price				
	Prices have changed by the same amount				
	Price of U.Sproduced solid urea has changed relative to the price of solid urea from Russia				
	Price of U.Sproduced solid urea has changed relative to the price of solid urea from Ukraine				
	☐ Do not know				
	(b) If the price of U.Sproduced solid urea has changed relative to the price of solid urea from Russia, the price of U.Sproduced solid urea is now relatively				
	Higher Lower				
	(C) If the price of U.Sproduced solid urea has changed relative to the price of solid urea from Ukraine, the price of U.Sproduced solid urea is now relatively	m			
	Higher Lower				

s only imported urea, please explain whether, and if so how, revocation of
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or Ukraine would affect your firm's purchasing pattern.
only U.S. produced urea, please explain whether, and if so how, revocation nd/or Ukraine would affect your firm's purchasing pattern.

PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the suppliers from which you have purchased solid urea since 1987 and approximate the percentage of your solid urea purchases each accounted for in 2004.

No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases	No.	Firm name	Percentage of purchases
1			6		
2			7		
3			8		
4			9		
5			10		