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# PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE RAW IN-SHELL PISTACHIOS FROM IRAN

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 August 12, 2005

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its antidumping review investigations concerning raw in-shell pistachios from Iran (inv. Nos. 731-TA-387 (Review)). 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 Craig Thomsen (202-205-3226).** 

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$\square_{NO}$	(Sign the certification below and promp	otly return only this page of the qu	nestionnaire to the Commission)
YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, return the entire questionnaire to the Co		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 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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importing raw in-shel	any related firms, either domestic or I pistachios from Iran into the United I pistachios from Iran to the United S	d States or which are en	
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#### PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

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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 raw in-shell pistachios. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

#### (Quantity in short tons, value in \$1,000)

Item	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
PURCHASES OF RAW IN-SHELL PISTAC	HIOS PRODUCED IN TH	IE UNITED ST	TATES:	•	•	•
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF RAW IN-SHELL PISTAC	HIOS PRODUCED IN IR	AN:				
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF RAW IN-SHELL PISTAC	HIOS PRODUCED IN AL	L OTHER CO	UNTRIES:1			
Quantity						
Value						
<sup>1</sup> Please identify these countries:						1

#### PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of raw in-shell pistachios from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 1986 (the year the antidumping duty order 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	rm purchase raw in-shell	pistachios from Iran before 1986?		
	NoSk	ip to (c)	Yes		
(b)	If yes, has your pattern of purchasing raw in-shell pistachios from Iran changed since 1986?				
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.				
	Yes, we discontinued purchases from Iran because of the order.				
	Yes, we reduced purchases from Iran because of the order.				
	Yes, we reduced purchases from Iran because of the order.  Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from Iran for reasons other than the order (please explain below).				
(c)		attern of purchasing raw ace 1986 (please check a	in-shell pistachios from nonsubject foreign sour ll that apply).		
	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-1.	Which of the following best describes you all that apply, noting the specific end uses	r firm as a purchaser of raw in-shell pistachios (check if known)?			
	END USER (	)			
	DISTRIBUTOR (	)			
	RETAILER				
	Other (	)			
III-2.	(a) If your firm is a distributor or reseller or consumers to which you sell raw in-shell p	of raw in-shell pistachios, what are the major types of bistachios?			
	(b) Do you compete for sales to your custo you purchase raw in-shell pistachios?	omers with the manufacturers or importers from which			
III-3.	If your firm is an end user of raw in-shell pistachios, list in order of quantity of raw in-shell pistachios consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases raw in-shell pistachios as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by raw in-shell pistachios.				
	Product you produce	Percent of total cost accounted for by raw in-shell pistachios			
	1	1			
	2	2			
	3	3			
III-4.	(a) If your firm is an end user of raw in-she products incorporating raw in-shell pistach	ell pistachios has the demand for your firm's final nios changed since 1986?			
	☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged	Decreased			
	(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's of	demand for raw in-shell pistachios?			

No	YesDiscuss the changes, noting the time period in which they occurre
Do you anti	cipate any changes in terms of the end uses of raw in-shell pistachios in the fut
□No	YesPlease describe and identify the time period. Provide any underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business or other supporting documentation, that address this issue.
(a) Please li pistachios.	st in order of importance any products that may be substituted for raw in-shell
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	possible substitute product, please give examples of applications and end uses are substitutes.
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(c) Have ch	anges in the prices of these products affected the price for raw in-shell pistachic
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III-9.	Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for raw in-shell pistachios 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.	
	☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
	(b) How has demand outside the United States, if known, for raw in-shell pistachios changed since 1999?
	☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
III-11.	Do you anticipate any changes in raw in-shell pistachios demand in the United States and, if known, the rest of the world?
	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 raw in-shell pistachios demand and/or factors affecting raw in-shell pistachios 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 1986, 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 raw in-shell pistachios in the U.S. market since 1986?
	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 raw in-shell pistachios (please check ALL that apply)?  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 raw in-shell pistachios .
	YesPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of raw in-shell pistachios.
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of raw in-shell pistachios.
III-15.	(a) Is the raw in-shell pistachios market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to raw in-shell pistachios?
	No YesPlease explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.

III-15	(b) Has the emergence of new markets for raw in-shell pistachios since 1986 affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to raw in-shell pistachios?
	No YesPlease explain any such changes.
III-16.	Who are your major competitors?
III-17.	Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving raw in-shell pistachios based on the producer of the raw in-shell pistachios you purchase?
	Your firm:
	Your customers:
	If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the producer and why this information is important.
	Your firm:
	Your customers:
III-18.	Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving raw in-shell pistachios based on the country of origin of the raw in-shell pistachios you purchase?  Your firm:  Always  Usually  Sometimes  Never
	Your customers: Usually Usually Sometimes Never
	If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your customers determine the source and why this information is important.
	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 raw in-shell pistachios usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?
	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.

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 raw in-shell pistachios 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 raw in-shell pistachios 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 product, reliability of supplier, etc.) and estimate the time it takes to certify or qualify a new supplier.
III-26.	Since 1986, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their raw in-shell pistachios with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?
	YesPlease identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification process.

III-27. (a) For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for raw in-shell pistachios.

	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 standar	ds 🔲		
Quality exceeds industry stand	ards □		
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			
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III-27.	(b) Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase raw in-shell pistachios for any one order (examples include current availability, extension of credit, prearranged contracts, price, quality exceeding specifications or industry standards, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).					
	1					
	2					
	3					
	Other factors or comments:					
III-28.	What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of raw in-shell pistachios?					
III-29.	How often does your firm purchase the raw in-shell pistachios that are offered at the lowest price?					
	Always Usually Sometimes Never					
III-30.	Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the raw in-shell pistachios market since 1986. 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-31.	Please describe how the above firm(s) exhibited price leadership.					
III-32.	How frequently does the price of the raw in-shell pistachios you are purchasing change?					

III-33.	Does your firm purchase raw in-shell pistachios over the internet?
	No YesPlease describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of raw in-shell pistachios in 2004 accounted for by internet purchases.
III-34.	(a) As an attachment to this questionnaire, please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. raw in-shell pistachios industry since 1986 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. raw in-shell pistachios 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-35.	What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty order for imports of raw in-shell pistachios from Iran? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the antidumping duty orders on (1) the future activities of your firm and (2) the U.S. market as a whole. 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:

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

IV-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for raw in-shell pistachios for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.						
Iran						
	Other c	ountries (Please specify				
13/ 2			e United States and in other c	L		
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Cour	ntry-pair	United States	Iran	Other countries		
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Iran	l					
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## PART IV.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-3.	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 raw in-shell pistachios 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 raw in-shell pistachios 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 raw in-shell pistachios 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 raw in-shell pistachios produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with raw in-shell pistachios 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.

compared	to	
(specify country)	(specify country)	
SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability		
Delivery terms		
Delivery time		
Discounts offered		
Extension of credit		
Lower price		
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):		

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

IV-/.	specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?					um quality
	Always	Usually	Som	_	Rarely or never	
		does imported sur your customers		_	os meet minimum qu  Rarely or never	ality specifications
	(c) How often of	·	nsubject ra	w in-shell pista	chios meet minimun	n quality
	Country		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never
	Country	D	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never
	Country		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never
IV-8.		ed raw in-shell p			in-shell pistachios? less than the price o	
	No change	in price				
	Prices have	changed by the	same amou	nt		
	Price of U.Sproduced raw in-shell pistachios has changed relative to the price of raw in-shell pistachios from Iran					
	(b) If the price of U.Sproduced raw in-shell pistachios has changed relative to the price of raw in-shell pistachios from Iran, the price of U.Sproduced raw in-shell pistachios is now relatively					
	Higher Lower					

## PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the suppliers from which you have purchased raw in-shell pistachios since 1999 and approximate the percentage of your raw in-shell pistachios purchases each accounted for in 2004.

No.	Firm name	Street address ( <u>not</u> P.O. box), state, and zip code	Contact person	Area code and telephone number	Share of 2004 purchases (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					