# PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE PRODUCT FROM COUNTRY

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City			State	Zip code
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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 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.

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### PART I.--GENERAL QUESTIONS--Continued

Firm name	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
company or any relat	stionnaire we request a copy of your ed firm have a business plan or any expected future market conditions for	internal documents that describ

#### PART II.--PURCHASES

II-1. 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	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES:						
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRO	DUCED IN COUNTRY:					
Quantity						
Value						
PURCHASES OF PRODUCT PRO	DUCED IN ALL OTHER COUN	TRIES:1				
Quantity						
Value						

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

II-2. If the relative levels of your firm's purchases of PRODUCT from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since YEAR OF ORDER (the year the countervailing duty/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	m purchase <b>PRODUC</b> T	Γ from COUNTRY before YEAR OF ORDER?			
	□ NoSki	p to (c)	$I_{ m Yes}$			
(b)	If yes, has y YEAR OF		ng PRODUCT from COUNTRY changed since			
	No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged.					
	Yes, we discontinued purchases from <b>COUNTRY</b> because of the order.					
	Yes, we reduced purchases from <b>COUNTRY</b> because of the order.					
		we changed the pattern order (please explain be	of purchases from <b>COUNTRY</b> for reasons other elow).			
(c)		ttern of purchasing PRO R OF ORDER (please of	ODUCT from nonsubject foreign sources changed check all 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.					

111-1.	apply, noting the specific end	•	n as a purcha	iser of <b>PRODUCT</b> (	check all that
	END USER TYPE 1 (				)
	END USER TYPE 2 (				
	DISTRIBUTOR (				
	Other (				)
III-2.	(a) If your firm is a distributor to which you sell <b>PRODUCT</b>		RODUCT, w	hat are the major typ	pes of consumers
	(b) Do you compete for sales t you purchase <b>PRODUCT</b> ?	to your customer	s with the ma	anufacturers or impo	rters from which
III-3.	If your firm is an end user of <b>PRODUCT</b> , list in order of quantity of <b>PRODUCT</b> consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases <b>PRODUCT</b> as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by <b>PRODUCT</b> .				
	Product you produce	<u>Perce</u>	nt of cost ac	counted for by PRO	<u>ODUCT</u>
	1	1		<u> </u>	
	2				
	3	3		<del></del>	
III-4.	(a) If your firm is an end user incorporating <b>PRODUCT</b> cha	·		•	nal products
	Increased U	Unchanged	Decre	ased	
	(b) Has this had any effect on	your firm's dema	and for <b>PRO</b>	DUCT?	

Have there bee	en any changes in the end uses of	PRODUCT since YEAR OF ORDER?
No	YesDiscuss the changes, n	noting the time period in which they occurred.
Do you anticip	ate any changes in terms of the en	nd uses of <b>PRODUCT</b> in the future?
No	underlying assumption	lentify the time period. Provide any ns, along with relevant portions of business placumentation, that address this issue.
		ets that may be substituted for <b>PRODUCT</b> .
(1)	(2)	(3)
(b) For each powhich they are		give examples of applications and end uses for
(c) Have chang	ges in the prices of these products	affected the price for <b>PRODUCT</b> ?
No	Yes-Please explain.	
	on any changes in the number or tynce YEAR OF ORDER?	ypes of products that can be substituted for
	YesPlease explain.	
∐ No	Tes1 lease explain.	

these demand data.

III-9.	Do you anticipate any changes in terms of the substitutability of other products for <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 for PRODUCT changed since YEAR OF ORDER?
	☐ Increased ☐ Unchanged ☐ Decreased ☐ Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
	How has demand <u>outside</u> the United States for <b>PRODUCT</b> changed since <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> ?  Increased Unchanged Decreased
	Other (describe)
	What were the principal factors affecting changes in demand?
III-11.	Do you anticipate any future changes in <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> demand and/or factors affecting <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> to the present and forecasts of

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 <b>PRODUCT</b> in the U.S. market since <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> ?
	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 <b>PRODUCT</b> (please check ALL that apply)?
	$\square_{\text{No}}$
	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 <b>PRODUCT</b> .
	YesPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by your customers. This involves percent of all purchases of <b>PRODUCT</b> .
	YesPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all purchases of <b>PRODUCT</b> .
	(a) Is the <b>PRODUCT</b> market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to <b>PRODUCT</b> ?
	No YesPlease explain and provide estimates of the duration of any such cycle.
	(b) Has the emergence of new markets for <b>PRODUCT</b> since <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> affected the business cycles or conditions of competition distinctive to <b>PRODUCT</b> ?
	No YesPlease explain any such changes.

III-16.	6. Who are your major competitors?					
III-17.	Does your firm, and 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?					
	Your firm: Always Usually Some	etimes Never				
	Your customers:	etimes Never				
	If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your custom why this information is important.	ers determine the producer and				
	Your firm:					
	Your customers:					
III-18.	18. Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your custome involving <b>PRODUCT</b> based on the country of origin of the <b>PROD</b>					
	Your firm: Always Usually Some	etimes Never				
	Your customers:	etimes Never				
	If at least sometimes, please discuss how your firm or your custom why this information is important.	ers determine the source 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?  No YesPlease describe these negotiations. In your response, please comment
	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 <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> they sell to your firm?  No Yes— percent of purchases in 2006 Yes—all purchases					
	No Yes— percent of purchases in 2006 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 <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> , have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their <b>PRODUCT</b> 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.					

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

	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	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 <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> ?				
III-29.	How often does your firm purchase the <b>PRODUCT</b> that is offered at the lowest price?  Always Usually Sometimes Never				
III-30.	Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the <b>PRODUCT</b> market since <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> . 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> you are purchasing change?				

III-33.	Does your firm purchase <b>PRODUCT</b> over the internet?
	No YesPlease describe, noting the estimated percentage of your firm's total purchases of <b>PRODUCT</b> in 2006 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. <b>PRODUCT</b> industry since <b>YEAR OF ORDER</b> 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. <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>countervailing duty order/antidumping duty order</b> for imports of <b>PRODUCT</b> from <b>COUNTRY</b> ? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the <b>countervailing duty order/antidumping duty order</b> 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

V-1. Please indicate the countries of origin for <b>PRODUCT</b> for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.							
United States							
COUNTRY							
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☐ Otner	Other countries (Please specify						
IV-2. Is <b>PRODUCT</b> 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. <sup>1</sup>							
Country-pair	United States	COUNTRY 1	COUNTRY 2	COUNTRY 3	Other countries		
United States							
Country 1							
Country 2							
Country 3							
•	intry-pair produciine factors that limi	•		or never used inte	erchangeably,		

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

IV-3.	Do you or your customers ever specifically order <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 <b>PRODUCT</b> 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 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). 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)	- 1 -	(specify country)	
\$	SUPERIOR	COMPARABLE	INFERIOR
Availability	🗆		
Delivery terms	🗆		
Delivery time	🗆		
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Lower price <sup>1</sup>	🗆		
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 <sup>1</sup>	🗆		
Other (specify):			
	🗆		

<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.--COMPARISONS BETWEEN IMPORTED AND U.S.-PRODUCED PRODUCT--Continued

IV-7.		) How often does domestically produced <b>PRODUCT</b> our uses or your customers' uses?		PRODUCT n	'meet minimum quality specifications for		
	☐ Always	Usually		etimes [	Rarely or never		
	(b) How often ouses or your customark. Always	•	, _	_	inimum quality spec	ifications for your	
	(c) How often d your uses or you			RODUCT mee	et minimum quality s	pecifications for	
	Country		Always	Usually	☐ Sometimes	Rarely or never	
	Country	□	Always	Usually	☐ Sometimes	Rarely or never	
	Country	□	Always	Usually	☐ Sometimes	Rarely or never	
IV-8.		oduced PROI		•	the price of <b>PRODU</b> s than the price of imp		
	No change	in price					
	Prices have	changed by th	ne same amou	nt			
	Price of U.S		RODUCT has	s changed rela	tive to the price of <b>Pl</b>	RODUCT from	
					d relative to the price <b>T</b> is now relatively	of <b>PRODUCT</b>	
	Higher	Lower					

### PART V.--SUPPLIER IDENTIFICATION

Please list the suppliers from which you have purchased **PRODUCT** since **YEAR OF ORDER** and approximate the percentage of your **PRODUCT** purchases each accounted for in 2006.

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