

INSTRUCTION BOOKLET

GENERAL INFORMATION, INSTRUCTIONS, AND DEFINITIONS FOR COMMISSION FOREIGN PRODUCER/EXPORTER QUESTIONNAIRES

Frozen Warmwater Shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam Investigation Nos. 731-TA-1063, 1064, 1066-1068 (Review)

<u>Further information</u>.--If you have any questions concerning the enclosed questionnaire(s) or other matters related to these reviews, you may contact the following member of the Commission's staff (Fax 202-205-3205):

Elizabeth Haines, investigator (202-205-3200; E-mail Elizabeth.haines@usitc.gov) regarding general questions and trade and related information; and

Ioana Mic, economist (202-205-3196; E-mail Ioana.mic@usitc.gov) regarding market related information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Background.--On February 1, 2005, the Department of Commerce issued antidumping duty orders on imports of frozen warmwater shrimp from Brazil, China, India, Thailand, and Vietnam (70 F.R. 5143-5156). On January 4, 2010, the Commission instituted reviews pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act) to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to the domestic industry within a reasonably foreseeable time (75 F.R. 1078). If the Commission and Commerce make affirmative determinations with respect to a particular order, that order will remain in place. If the Commission or Commerce make a negative determination with respect to a particular order, Commerce will revoke the order.

Questionnaires and other information pertinent to these reviews are available at http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2010/shrimp/reviewphase.ht m. Address all correspondence to the United States International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals can obtain information regarding these reviews via the Commission's TDD terminal (202-205-1810).

<u>Due date of questionnaire(s)</u>.--Return the completed questionnaire(s) to the United States International Trade Commission by **no later than November 22, 2010**. Although the enclosed postpaid envelope may be used to return the completed questionnaire, use of an overnight mail service may be necessary to ensure that your response actually reaches the Commission by November 22, 2010. If you do not use the enclosed envelope, please make sure the completed questionnaire is sent to the attention of Elizabeth Haines. Return <u>only one</u> copy of the completed questionnaire(s), but please keep a copy for your records so that you can refer to it if the Commission staff contacts you with any questions during the course of the reviews.

<u>Service of questionnaire response(s)</u>.--In the event that your firm is a party to these reviews, you are required to serve a copy of the questionnaire(s), once completed, on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties is maintained by the Commission's Secretary and may be obtained by calling 202-205-1803. A certificate of service must accompany the copy of the completed questionnaire(s) you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7).

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) 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, nonnumerical 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.

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<u>Verification.</u>--The information submitted in the enclosed questionnaire(s) is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all your workpapers and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response(s).

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

INSTRUCTIONS

<u>Answer all questions</u>.--Do not leave any question or section blank unless a questionnaire expressly directs you to skip over certain questions or sections. If the answer to any question is "none," write "none." If information is not readily available from your records in exactly the form requested, furnish carefully prepared estimates--designated as such by the letter "E"--and explain the basis of your estimates. Answers to questions and any necessary comments or explanations should be supplied in the space provided or on separate sheets attached to the appropriate page of the questionnaire(s). If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire in connection with these reviews (i.e., a producer, importer, purchaser, and/or foreign producer questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions in the questionnaires.

<u>Consolidate all establishments in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam</u>.--Report the requested data for your establishment(s) located in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam. Firms operating more than one establishment should combine the data for all establishments into a single report.

Filing instructions.—Questionnaires may be filed either in paper form or electronically.

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OPTIONS FOR FILING

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

http://www.usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2010/shrimp/reviewphase.htm. *Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document*. You may complete the questionnaire and submit it, electronically, or you may print it out and submit it in paper form, as described below:

- Compact disc (CD).—Copy your questionnaire onto a CD, include a signed certification page (page 1) (either in paper form or scanned PDF copied onto CD), and mail to the address above. It is strongly recommended that you use an overnight mail service. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.
- E-mail.—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 1 of the Instruction Booklet; include a scanned PDF of the signed certification page (page 1). Type the following in the e-mail subject line: BPI Questionnaire, Inv Nos. 731-TA-1063, 1064, 1066-1068 (Review). 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.
- **Fax**.—Fax to 202.205.3205.
- Overnight mail service.—Mail to the following address:

United States International Trade Commission Office of Investigations, Room 615 500 E Street SW Washington, DC 20024

• **U.S. mail**.—Mail to the address above, but use zip code 20436. *This option is not recommended. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing to screen for hazardous materials; this additional processing results in substantial delays in delivery.*

Note: If you are a party to the proceeding, and service of the questionnaire is required, such service should be made in paper form.

DEFINITIONS

<u>Frozen warmwater shrimp</u>.— includes certain frozen warmwater shrimp and prawns, whether wild—caught (ocean harvested) or farm—raised (produced by aquaculture), head—on or head—off, shell—on or peeled, tail—on or tail—off, deveined or not deveined, cooked or raw, or otherwise processed in frozen form.

The frozen warmwater shrimp and prawn products included in the reviews, regardless of definitions in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS"), are products which are processed from warmwater shrimp and prawns through freezing and which are sold in any count size.

The products described above may be processed from any species of warmwater shrimp and prawns. Warmwater shrimp and prawns are generally classified in, but are not limited to, the *Penaeidae* family. Some examples of the farmed and wild–caught warmwater species include, but are not limited to, whiteleg shrimp (*Penaeus vannemei*), banana prawn (*Penaeus merguiensis*), fleshy prawn (*Penaeus chinensis*), giant river prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*), giant tiger prawn (*Penaeus monodon*), redspotted shrimp (*Penaeus brasiliensis*), southern brown shrimp (*Penaeus subtilis*), southern pink shrimp (*Penaeus notialis*), southern rough shrimp (*Trachypenaeus curvirostris*), southern white shrimp (*Penaeus schmitti*), blue shrimp (*Penaeus stylirostris*), western white shrimp (*Penaeus occidentalis*), and Indian white prawn (*Penaeus indicus*).

Frozen shrimp and prawns that are packed with marinade, spices or sauce are included in the scope of the reviews. In addition, food preparations (including dusted shrimp), which are not "prepared meals," that contain more than 20 percent by weight of shrimp or prawn are also included in the scope of the reviews. The products covered by the reviews are currently classified under the following HTS subheadings: 0306.13.00.03, 0306.13.00.06, 0306.13.00.09, 0306.13.00.12, 0306.13.00.15, 0306.13.00.18, 0306.13.00.21, 0306.13.00.24, 0306.13.00.27, 0306.13.00.40, 1605.20.10.10, and 1605.20.10.30. These HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and for customs purposes only and are not dispositive, but rather the written description of the scope of the reviews is dispositive.

Excluded from the scope are: 1) breaded shrimp and prawns (HTS subheading 1605.20.10.20); 2) shrimp and prawns generally classified in the *Pandalidae* family and commonly referred to as coldwater shrimp, in any state of processing; 3) fresh shrimp and prawns whether shell—on or peeled (HTS subheadings 0306.23.00.20 and 0306.23.00.40); 4) shrimp and prawns in prepared meals (HTS subheading 1605.20.05.10); 5) dried shrimp and prawns; 6) Lee Kum Kee's shrimp sauce; 7) canned warmwater shrimp and prawns (HTS subheading 1605.20.10.40); and 8) certain battered shrimp. Battered shrimp is a shrimp—based product: 1) that is produced from fresh (or thawed—from-frozen) and peeled shrimp; 2) to which a ''dusting'' layer of rice or wheat flour of at least 95 percent purity has been applied; 3) with the entire surface of the shrimp flesh thoroughly and evenly coated with the flour; 4) with the non—shrimp content of the end product constituting between four and 10 percent of the product's total weight after being dusted, but prior to being frozen; and 5) that is subjected to IQF freezing immediately after application of the dusting layer. When dusted in accordance with the definition of dusting above, the battered shrimp product is also coated with a wet viscous layer containing egg and/or milk, and par—fried.

<u>Firm</u>.--An individual proprietorship, partnership, joint venture, association, corporation (including any subsidiary corporation), business trust, cooperative, trustee in bankruptcy, or receiver under decree of any court.

<u>Related firm...</u>-A firm that your firm solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled; a firm that solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm; and/or a firm that

¹ "Tails" in this context means the tail fan, which includes the telson and the uropods.

² The specifice exclusion for Lee Kum Kee's shrimp sauce applies only to the scope in the PRC case.

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was solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled by a firm that also solely or jointly owned, managed, or otherwise controlled your firm.

Establishment.--Each facility of a firm in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam involved in the production of frozen warmwater shrimp (as defined above), including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

<u>United States</u>.--For purposes of these reviews, the 50 States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the District of Columbia.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing frozen warmwater shrimp (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

<u>Average production capacity</u>.--The level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods. Assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

<u>Production</u>.--All production in your establishment(s) in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam, including production consumed internally within your firm.

<u>Shipments</u>.--Shipments of products produced in your establishment(s) in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam.

Shipment quantities.—Quantities reported should be net of returns.

<u>Shipment values</u>.—Values reported should be net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in <u>U.S. dollars</u>, f.o.b. your point of shipment in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam.

Home market commercial shipments.--Shipments, other than internal consumption and transfers to related firms, within Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam.

<u>Home market internal consumption/transfers to related firms</u>.--Shipments made to related firms in Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam, including product consumed internally by your firm.

Export shipments.--Shipments to destinations outside Brazil, China, India, Thailand, or Vietnam, including shipments to related firms.

<u>Inventories</u>.--Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work-in-progress.