U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

GLYCINE FROM CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than April 27, 2011

See page 4 of the Instruction Booklet for filing instructions.

The information called for in this questionnaire is for use by the United States International Trade Commission in connection with its review of the antidumping duty order concerning glycine from China (Inv. No. 731-TA-718 (Third 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 Aimee Larsen (202-205-3179, Aimee.Larsen@usitc.gov).

Name of fir	m	
Address		
City	State Zip	Code
World Wide	e Web address	
	purchased glycine (as defined in the instruction booklet) <u>fror</u> 2 January 1, 2005?	m any source (domestic or foreign) at
□ NO	(Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of	f the questionnaire to the Commission)
☐ YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by the date in	
	CERTIFICATION	
means of this certi ormation provided in Commission on the s knowledge that info comployees, and cont ords of this review or	at the information submitted is subject to audit and verificate fication I also grant consent for the Commission, and it this questionnaire and throughout this review in any other ame or similar merchandise. The mation submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission related proceedings for which this information is submitted tions of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. ats.	its employees and contract personnel, to use to import-injury proceedings or reviews conducted aghout this review may be used by the Commission employees, for developing or maintaining to the contract of th
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nature	Fax ()	E-mail address

PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

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 40 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.

		ne actual number of hours required onnaire and completing the form.	and the cost to your firm of
		h	oursdollars
questionna		ted in any comments you may have arity of specific questions. Please a ve address.	
questionna	ire (see page 3 of the	de the name and address of establishistruction booklet for reporting guare stock exchange and trading symbols.	idelines). If your firm is
<u>Ownershi</u>	p Is your firm owned	d, in whole or in part, by any other	firm?
☐ No	YesList the	following information.	
Firm name	1	Address	Extent of ownership
		exportersDoes your firm have an	
		aged in importing glycine from Chi ycine from China to the United Sta	
☐ No	YesList the	following information.	
Firm name	2	Address	Affiliation
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PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

E:	sList the following information.	A CC1:-4:
Firm name and country	Address	<u>Affiliation</u>
	<u> </u>	
Related producersD engaged in the producti	on of glycine?	ms, either domestic or foreign, th
engaged in the producti	on or grycine.	
☐ No ☐ Yes	sList the following information.	
☐ No ☐ Yes Firm name	SList the following information. <u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_	-	Affiliation
_	-	<u>Affiliation</u>
_	-	<u>Affiliation</u>
_	-	<u>Affiliation</u>
Firm name Business planIn Part	-	est a copy of your company's busi

Please identify the individual to be contacted regarding the confidential information requested in parts II

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PART II.--PURCHASES

o IV?		
	Name and title:	
		ner by which Commission staff may contact the individual responsible for tions regarding the submitted confidential information.
	E-mail:	Telephone: ()
	Fax: ()	

II-1. <u>Purchases.</u>—Report, as indicated below, your firm's purchases (either directly or through a sales agent or broker) of glycine. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

	Quantity (in pounds and value (in \$1,000)					
Item	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
urchases of glycine produced in						
The United States: Quantity						
Value						
China: Quantity						
Value						
All other countries: ¹ Quantity						
Value						
¹ Please identify these	countries: _					

$PART~II.--\underline{PURCHASES}--Continued$

Did your firm purchase glycine from China before 1995? Noskip to (c) Yes If yes, has your pattern of purchasing glycine from China changed since 1995?
If yes, has your pattern of purchasing glycine from China changed since 1995?
 No, our pattern of purchasing is essentially unchanged. Yes, we discontinued purchases from China because of the order. Yes, we reduced purchases from China because of the order. Yes, but we changed the pattern of purchases from China for reasons other than the order (please explain below).
Has your pattern of purchasing glycine from nonsubject foreign sources (i.e., countries other than China) changed since 1995?
 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. Yes, but we changed our pattern of purchases from nonsubject countries for reasons other than the order (please explain below).

PART II.--PURCHASES--Continued

II-3. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u> -- Please indicate how the relative levels of your firm's purchases of glycine from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 1995.

The United States	☐ Decreased ☐ Increased	
	Constant Fluctuated Did not purchase	
China	Decreased Increased Constant Fluctuated Did not purchase	
All other countries	Decreased Increased Constant Fluctuated Did not purchase	

II-5. <u>Supplier identification.</u>—Please identify below the names and addresses of your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for glycine since 2005. Please also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person and the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of glycine that each of these customers accounted for in 2010.

No.	Supplier's name	Street address (<u>not</u> P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Contact person	Telephone number or e-mail address	Share of 2010 purchases (%)
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

100%

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3.

Firm typeWhich of the apply)?	e following best describes	your firm as a purchaser of	of glycine (che	ck all
☐ End user ☐ Distributor ☐ Other (Describe:)
		reseller of glycine, do you s from which you purchase		ales to
□ No □	YesPlease describe			
Types of customersIf yof consumers to which yo		or <u>reseller</u> of glycine, what	are the major t	types
the top 3 products for whi	ch your firm purchases gl	st in order of quantity of g yoine as a component part ted for by glycine and othe	or input. Plea	
	Share of total cost in you produce a	each of the product(s)		
Product(s) you produce	Glycine (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total	
1.			100%	
2.			100%	

. <u>D</u>	<u> Deman</u>	d for end use produ	icts						
(a)	If your firm is an end user of glycine, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating glycine changed since 2005?							
		Increased	Decreased	Fluctuated	☐ No change				
(b)	Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for glycine?							
		☐ No—Please explain. ☐ YesPlease describe.							
5. <u>C</u>	Change	es in end usesHav	e there been any ch	nanges in the end use	s of glycine since 2005?				
	☐ No	YesPle	ease describe.						
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	Inticip lycine		d usesDo you an	ticipate any changes	in terms of the end uses of				
] No	YesPle	ease describe.						
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III-8	Market share.	—Please estimate	e your firm	's purchases	of glycine	in 2010 for	the following
	specified end u	uses.					

	End use product	Glycine end use (1,000 pounds)
1.	Pet Food	
2.	Animal Feed	
3.	Cosmetic additive (deodorant/antiperspirant)	
4.	Cosmetic additive (other than deodorant)	
5.	Chemical processing	
6.	Food additive for human consumption	
7.	Pharmaceutical additive (pills)	
8.	Pharmaceutical additive (intravenous use)	
9.	Metal complexing or finishing agent	
10.	Other—Please describe:	
11.	Other—Please describe:	

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	10.	Other-	–Please describe:					
	11.	Other-	–Please describe:					
III-9.			Can other products be su YesPlease fill out the tabl		or glycine?			
	ubstit produ		Description of applications and end uses in which this substitute can be used		anges in the p price of glyc Plo		uary 1, 20	
1.				□No				
				Yes				
2.				□ No				
				Yes				
3.				□No				
				☐ Yes				
III-10	can		substitutesHave there be ituted for glycine since 200	peen any cl	nanges in the n	umber or type	s of produc	ets that

		substitutesDo you products for glycine?	anticipate any chan	ges in terms of the
	No Yes-	-Please describe.		
Dem	and trends			
(a)		nand within the Unite affect changes in de		changed since 2005? What
	Increased	Decreased	Fluctuated	☐ No change
(b)		nand outside the Uni affect changes in de		changed since 2005? What
	☐ Increased	Decreased	Fluctuated	☐ No change
Anti	cipated demand tre	ends		
(a)	•	•	change within the Un changes in demand?	ited States for glycine? What
	☐ Increase	Decrease	Fluctuate	☐ No change
(b)	-	_	change <u>outside</u> the Un changes in demand?	nited States for glycine? Wha
	☐ Increase	Decrease	Fluctuate	☐ No change

III-15.	capacit	tu are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss glycine supply (including production by and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major cing/consuming countries, including China, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular t is such data from 2005 to the present and forecasts for the future.
	supply produc produc	tes in factors affecting supply.—Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting (e.g., changes in availability or prices of energy or labor; transportation conditions; tion capacity and/or methods of production; technology; export markets; or alternative tion opportunities) that affected the availability of U.Sproduced glycine in the U.S. since 2005?
	□ No	YesPlease provide details.
III-16.		tance of purchasing domestic productIs buying a product that is produced in the States an important factor in your firm's purchases of glycine (check ALL that apply)?
	☐ No ☐ Yes	s Purchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves percent of
	☐ Yes	all our purchases of glycine. sPurchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by our
	Yes	customers. This involves percent of all our purchases of glycine. sPurchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves percent of all our purchases of glycine.
III-17.	Condi	tions of competition
	(a)	Is the glycine market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition other than the changes in the overall economy?
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease explain and estimate the duration of any such cycle.

III-17.	Conditions of competition.—Continued.								
	(b) Have the business cycles or conditions of competition for glycine changed since 2005?								
		☐ No	YesPlea	ase explain any suc	h changes.				
III-18.		ers make pui			the extent that you knows based on the producer				
	Your fi	rm:	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
	Your cu	ustomers:	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
			s, please discuss h n is important.	now your firm or y	our customers determi	ine the producer and			
	Your firm:								
	Your cu	ustomers:							
III-19.	your cu		te purchasing deci		n, and to the extent that you based on the cou				
	Your fi	rm:	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never			
	Your cu	ustomers:	Always	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 fi	rm:							
	Your cu	ustomers:							

III-20.	Purcha	Purchasing frequency						
	(a)	How frequently do you make purchases?						
		☐ Daily ☐ Weekly ☐ Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Annually						
		Other (specify))						
	(b)	Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years?						
		☐ No ☐ Yes How and why do you expect these changes to occur?						
III-21.		er of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers do you generally contact before making a se? firms						
III-22.	<u>Suppli</u>	Supplier negotiations						
	(a)	Do purchases of glycine 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.						
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11-23.	□ No	e in suppliersHave you changed suppliers since 2005? 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.
II-24.	New su	ippliers
	(a)	Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 2005?
		☐ No ☐ YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you became aware of them.
	(b)	Do you expect new glycine suppliers to enter the U.S. market? No YesPlease provide details.
II-25.	January declini	v constraints Has your supplier refused, declined, or been unable to supply glycine since v 1, 2005? (Examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," ng to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity ed, unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.). Yes Please note and document the time period(s) (i.e., month and year), the
		supplier involved, the amount and type of product involved; and the reason for the allocation.

III-26.	Supplier qualification
	(a) Do you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell glycine to your firm?
	☐ No ☐ Yes percent of value of purchases in 2010 ☐ Yesall purchases
	(b) Please provide a general description of the certification or qualification process. Briefly describe the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.)
	(c) How long does it take to qualify a new supplier?days.
III-27.	<u>Failure to certify.</u> —Since 2005, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their glycine 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.

III-28. <u>Purchasing factors</u>.--For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for glycine.

	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 standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Product range			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			
Other (specify):			

2 3						
2 3						
		eristics does your firm cons	sider when determining the			
offered at the low	vest price?		m purchase the glycine that is			
	County	Ботенте				
either upward or	downward, that is follo	owed by other firms, or (2)	one or more firms that have a			
Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the glycine market since 2005. Please describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership.						
	Frequency of decoffered at the low Always Price leaders.— either upward or osignificant impact	Frequency of decisions based on price offered at the lowest price? Always Usually Price leaders.— A price leader is define either upward or downward, that is following significant impact on prices. A price leader leader is defined to the significant impact on prices.	Frequency of decisions based on priceHow often does your first offered at the lowest price? Always Usually Sometimes Price leaders.— A price leader is defined as (1) one or more firms either upward or downward, that is followed by other firms, or (2) significant impact on prices. A price leader does not necessarily has			

III-33. Changes in U.S. industry	III-33	3. (Changes	in	U.S.	industry	
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Have there be	en any improvements/changes in the U.S. glycine industry since 2005?
☐ No	Yes
	n the factor(s), including the order(s) under review, that was/(were) or each improvement/change.
	s any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. try. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes

Effect of revocation.—What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty order for imports of glycine from China? As appropriate, please discuss any potential effects of revocation of the antidumping duty order 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.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS

IV-1.	<u>Country knowledge.</u> —Please indicate the countries of origin for glycine for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.							
	☐ United States							
	China	China						
	Other countries (Pleas	se specify)					
IV-2.	Interchangeability by country-pair.—Is glycine produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (<i>i.e.</i> , 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	China	Other countries					
	United States							
	China							
	¹ For any country-pair producing glycine that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, please explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:							

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS -- Continued

IV-3. **Factors other than price.**—Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between glycine produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products? Please indicate below, using "A" to indicate that such differences are *always* significant, "F" to indicate that such differences are *frequently* significant, "S" to indicate that such differences are *sometimes* significant, "N" to indicate that such differences are *never* significant, and "0" to indicate *no familiarity* with products from a specified country-pair.

Country-pair	China	Other countries
United States		
China		
¹ For any country-pair for your firm's purchases of glyd imparted by such factors:	which factors other than price always of cine, identify the country-pair and report	or frequently are a significant factor in the advantages or disadvantages

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

IV-4.	<u>Availability of merchandise</u> Are certain grades/types/sizes of glycine 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.	Choice of product not based on priceHave you purchased glycine from one source although a comparable product was available from another source at a lower price?					
	□ No	Yes—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.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS -- Continued

IV-6. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>—For the factors listed below, please rate how glycine produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with glycine produced in each of the other countries you identified (including the United States and both subject and nonsubject foreign countries).

	product from United States compared to product from China		product from United States compared to product from Korea			product from United States compared to product from Japan			
Quality	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Price ¹									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
Other (specify):									

¹ 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.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

IV-6. *Continued.*

	product from United States compared to product from India		compared to product from			compared to product from			
Quality	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Price ¹									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Product consistency									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Product range									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
Other (specify):									

¹ 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.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

IV-7.	-7. Minimum quality								
	(a)	How often does domestically produced glycine meet minimum quality specificatio your uses or your customers' uses?							
		Always	Usually		Sometimes	Rarely o	y or never		
	(b)	How often does impuses or your custom		cine me	cine meet minimum quality specification		ns for your		
		Source		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never		
		China							
	(c)	China) meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses							
		Source		Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never		
		India							
		Japan							
		Korea							
IV-8.	Chang	ge in price							
	(a)	Since 2005, has there been a change in the price of glycine? If so, has the price of U.Sproduced glycine changed more or less than the price of imported glycine from China?							
		 ☐ No change in price ☐ Prices have changed by the same amount ☐ Price of U.Sproduced glycine has changed relative to the price of glycine from China. 							
	(b)	If the price of U.Sproduced glycine has changed relative to the price of glycine from China, the price of U.Sproduced glycine is now relatively							
		Higher	Lower – than tha	it from (China.				