U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

AMMONIUM NITRATE FROM UKRAINE

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than January 24, 2012

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 high-density ammonium nitrate ("HDAN") from Ukraine (Inv. No. 731-TA-894 (Second 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 fi	Name of firm				
Address					
			Zip Code		
World Wi	ide Web address				
•	rm purchased HDAN (as defined in the nce January 1, 2007?	instruction bo	oklet) from any source (domestic or foreign) at		
NO	(Sign the certification below and promp	otly return only	this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)		
YES	(Read the instruction booklet carefully, questionnaire to the Commission so as	1 1	rts of the questionnaire, and return the entire y the date indicated above)		

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the information herein supplied in response to this questionnaire is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and understand that the information submitted is subject to audit and verification by the Commission.

By means of this certification I also grant consent for the Commission, and its employees and contract personnel, to use the information provided in this questionnaire and throughout this proceeding in any other import-injury proceedings or reviews conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise.

I acknowledge that information submitted in this questionnaire response and throughout this proceeding may be used by the Commission, its employees, and contract personnel who are acting in the capacity of Commission employees, for developing or maintaining the records of this proceeding or related proceedings for which this information is submitted, or in internal audits and proceedings relating to the programs and operations of the Commission pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Appendix 3. I understand that all contract personnel will sign non-disclosure agreements.

Name of Authorized Official	Title of Authorized Official	Date
	Phone:	
Signature		Email address
	<i>Fax</i>	

PART I.—<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>

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.

I-1a. <u>**OMB statistics.--**</u>Please report the actual number of hours required and the cost to your firm of preparing the reply to this questionnaire and completing the form.

____hours ____dollars

- I-1b. <u>**OMB feedback.--**</u>We are interested in any comments you may have for improving this questionnaire in general or the clarity of specific questions. Please attach such comments to your response or send them to the above address.
- I-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire (see page 3 of the instruction booklet for reporting guidelines). If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.
- I-3. **Ownership.--**Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm? No Yes--List the following information. Extent of Firm name Address ownership I-4. Related SUBJECT importers/exporters.--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing HDAN from Ukraine into the United States or that are engaged in exporting HDAN from Ukraine to the United States? No Yes--List the following information. Firm name Address Affiliation

PART I.--<u>GENERAL INFORMATION</u>--Continued

	foreign, that are e tates or that are en	ngaged in importing HDAN	Your firm have any related firms, eith N from countries other than Ukraine N from countries other than Ukraine
🗌 No	YesList	the following information.	
Firm name a	nd country	Address	Affiliation
	ducersDoes yon the production of I		rms, either domestic or foreign, that
🗌 No	YesList	the following information.	
<u>Firm name</u>		Address	Affiliation
		1 5 5	have a business plan or any internal arket conditions for HDAN?

PART II.--PURCHASES

<u>**Contact information.**</u>-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in this questionnaire.

Name	
Title	
Email	
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 HDAN. Report based on delivery date, not order date.

		Quantity (<i>in short tons)</i> and value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)				
Item	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Purchases of HDAN produce	ced in					
The United States: Quantity						
Value						
Ukraine: <i>Quantity</i>						
Value						
All other countries: ¹ Quantity						
Value						
¹ Please identify these co	untries:		1	1	1	1

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns</u>.-- Please indicate how the relative levels of your firm's purchases of HDAN from different sources (both domestic and foreign) have changed since 2007.

Source of purchases	Did not purchase	Decreased	Increased	Constant	Fluctuated	Explanation for trend
United States						
Ukraine						
All other countries						

PART II.--<u>PURCHASES</u>--Continued

- II-3. **<u>Purchases from one country only</u>**.--If your firm has purchased HDAN from only one country, please explain the reasons for doing so.
- II-4. Supplier identification.-- Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for HDAN since 2007. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of HDAN that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2012.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2012 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1. **<u>Firm type</u>.--**Which of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of HDAN (check all that apply)?

Farmer
Retailer
Wholesale distributor
Other (Describe:

III-2. <u>Competition for sales</u>.--If you are a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of HDAN, do you compete for sales to your customers with the manufacturers or importers from which you purchase HDAN?

🗌 No	YesPlease describe

III-3. <u>**Types of customers.--**</u>If your firm is a <u>distributor</u> or <u>reseller</u> of HDAN, what are the major types of consumers to which you sell HDAN?

III-4. <u>End uses</u>.--If your firm is an end user of HDAN, list in order of quantity of HDAN consumed, the top 3 products for which your firm purchases HDAN as a component part or input. Please indicate what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by HDAN and other inputs.

End use applications	Share of total cost i you produce a		
you produce using HDAN	HDAN (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%

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PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-5. Demand for end use HDANs.--

(a) If your firm is an end user of HDAN, has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating HDAN changed since 2007?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

(b) Has this had any effect on your firm's demand for HDAN?

No	Yes	Explain
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III-6. <u>Changes in end uses</u>.-- Have there been any changes in the end uses of HDAN since 2007? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in end uses	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2007			
Anticipated changes			

III-7. <u>Substitutes</u>.--Can other products be substituted for HDAN?

No

Yes--Please fill out the table.

		Applications/en d uses in which this substitute		Have changes in the prices of this substitute affected the price for HDAN since 2007?			
	Substitute	is used	a substitute	No	Yes	Explanation	
1.							
2.							
3.							

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-8. <u>Changes in substitutes</u>.-- Have there been any changes in the number or types of products that can be substituted for HDAN since 2007? Do you anticipate any future changes?

Changes in substitutes	No	Yes	Explain
Changes since 2007			
Anticipated changes			

III-9. **Demand trends.--** Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for HDAN has changed since January 1, 2006, and how you anticipate demand will change in the future. Describe the principal factors that have affected, and that you anticipate will affect, these changes in demand.

Market	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Factors
			Dema	nd since 20	06
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					
			Anticipat	ed future de	emand
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					

III-10. <u>Market studies</u>.--Please provide as a separate attachment to this request any studies, surveys, etc. that you are aware of that quantify and/or otherwise discuss HDAN supply (including production capacity and capacity utilization) and demand in (1) the United States, (2) each of the other major producing/consuming countries, including Ukraine, and (3) the world as a whole. Of particular interest is such data from 2007 to the present and forecasts for the future.

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-11. <u>Changes in factors affecting supply</u>.--Have any changes occurred in any other factors affecting supply (e.g., changes in availability or prices of 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.S.-produced HDAN in the U.S. market since 2007?

No	Yes	Explain

- III-12. **Importance of purchasing domestic** HDAN.--Is buying a product that is produced in the United States an important factor in your firm's purchases of HDAN (check ALL that apply)?
 - No
 - Yes-- Purchases of domestic product are required by law or regulation (for example, government purchases under "Buy American" provisions). This involves _____ percent of all our purchases of HDAN.
 - Yes--Purchases of domestic product are not required by law or regulation, but are by our customers. This involves _____ percent of all our purchases of HDAN.
 - Yes--Purchases of domestic product are required for other reasons (please specify these reasons below). This involves _____ percent of all our purchases of HDAN.

III-13. Conditions of competition.--

a) Is the HDAN market subject to business cycles or conditions of competition (including seasonal business) distinctive to HDAN?

🗌 No	(skip to qu	uestion III-14.)	□ Y
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Yes-- Please describe and then answer part (b).

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for HDAN since January 1, 2007?

No No	Yes Please describe
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PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-14. **Decisions based on producer**.--Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving HDAN based on the producer of the HDAN you purchase?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discuss how your firm/customers determine the producer and why this information is important
Your firm					
Your customers					

III-15. <u>Decisions based on country-of-origin</u>.--Does your firm, and to the extent that you know, do your customers make purchasing decisions involving HDAN based on the country of origin of the HDAN you purchase?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, discuss how your firm/customers determine the source and why this information is important
Your firm					
Your customers					

III-16. Purchasing frequency.--

No

(a) How frequently do you make purchases (check one)?

Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify

(b) Do you expect this purchasing pattern to change in the next two years?

Yes-- How and why do you expect these changes to occur?

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-17. <u>Number of suppliers contacted</u>.--How many suppliers do you generally contact before making a purchase? _____ firms

III-18. Supplier negotiations.--

(a) Do purchases of HDAN usually involve negotiations between supplier and purchaser?

		No YesPlease describe these negotiations, noting 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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III-19.	<u>Chang</u>	e in suppliersHave you changed suppliers since 2007?
	🗌 No	Yes Please list the supplier(s), whether the firm was added or dropped, the reasons for the change, and how frequently you change suppliers.

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-20. New suppliers.--

	(a)	Are you aware of any new suppliers, either foreign or domestic, that have entered the market since 2007?							
		No YesPlease identify the firms and indicate how you became aware of them.							
	(b)	Do you expect new HDAN suppliers to enter the U.S. market?							
		No YesPlease provide details.							
III-21.	<u>Suppli</u>	Supplier qualification							
	(a) Do firm?	you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified to sell HDAN to your							
	🗌 No	Yes percent of value of purchases in 2012 Yesall purchases							
	descrit	ease provide a general description of the certification or qualification process. Briefly be the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, lity of supplier, etc.)							
	(c) Ho	w long does it take to qualify a new supplier?days							
III-22.		<u>e to certify</u> Since 2007, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to or qualify their HDAN 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.							

PART III.-- <u>MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES</u>--Continued

III-23. **<u>Purchasing factors.--</u>**For the factors listed below, please rate each in terms of its importance in your purchase decision for HDAN.

	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):			

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-24. <u>Major purchasing factors</u>.--Please list, in order of their importance, the three major factors generally considered by your firm in deciding from whom to purchase HDAN for any one order (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

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3.	
2.	
1.	

Other factors or comments:

III-25. **<u>Quality characteristics.--</u>**What characteristics does your firm consider when determining the quality of HDAN?

III-26. **Frequency of decisions based on price.**--How often does your firm purchase the HDAN that is offered at the lowest price?

Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never

III-27. <u>Price leaders</u>.— 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 is not necessarily the lowest priced supplier*.

Please list the names of any firms you considered price leaders in the HDAN market since 2007. Describe how the firm(s) exhibited price leadership.

PART III.-- MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES--Continued

III-28. Changes in U.S. industry.--

(a) Please identify and discuss any improvements/changes in the U.S. HDAN industry since 2007 and explain the factors, including the order(s) under review, that were responsible for each improvement/change.

(b) Please discuss any improvements/changes that you anticipate in the future in the U.S. HDAN industry. Identify the time period and causes for these improvements/changes.

III-29. <u>Effect of revocation</u>.--What do you think will be the likely effects of any revocation of the antidumping duty order for imports of HDAN from Ukraine? 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 (e.g. total U.S. supply and prices of HDAN). Please note the future time period to which you are referring.

(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 HDAN for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States

Ukraine

- Other countries (specify______
- IV-2. **Interchangeability by country-pair.--**Is HDAN produced in the United States and in other countries interchangeable (*i.e.*, can they physically be used in the same applications)?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

- A = the products from a specified country-pair are *always* interchangeable
- F = the products are *frequently* interchangeable
- S = the products are *sometimes* interchangeable
- N = the products are *never* interchangeable
- 0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Ukraine	Other countries
United States		
Ukraine		
	r-pair producing HDAN that is <i>sometime</i> ors that limit or preclude interchangeabl	

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PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

IV-3. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between HDAN produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's purchases of the products?

Please indicate A, F, S, N, or 0 in the table below:

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

0 = no familiarity with products from a specified country-pair

Country-pair	Ukraine	Other countries
United States		
Ukraine		
factor in your fir	r-pair for which factors other than price m's sales of HDAN, identify the count imparted by such factors:	e always or frequently are a significant ry-pair and report the advantages or

PART IV.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

IV-4.	<u>Availability of merchandise</u> Are certain grades/types/sizes of HDAN 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.	<u>Choice of HDAN not based on price</u> If you purchased HDAN 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.-- PRODUCT COMPARISIONS--Continued

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

	HDAN from <u>United States</u> compared to HDAN from <u>Ukraine</u>		HDAN from <u>United States</u> compared to HDAN from <u>Other countries</u>		HDAN from <u>Ukraine</u> compared to HDAN from <u>Other countries</u>				
	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. <u>Minimum quality</u>.--How often does HDAN from the following countries meet minimum quality specifications for your uses or your customers' uses?

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	Don't know
United States					
Ukraine					
Other:					
Other:					

IV-8. Change in price.--

- (a) Since 2007, has there been a change in the price of HDAN? If so, has the price of U.S.produced HDAN changed more or less than the price of imported HDAN from Ukraine?
 - No change in price
 Prices have changed by the same amount
 Price of U.S.-produced HDAN has changed relative to the price of HDAN from Ukraine.
- (b) If the price of U.S.-produced HDAN has changed relative to the price of HDAN from Ukraine, the price of U.S.-produced HDAN is now relatively

 \Box Higher \Box Lower – than those from Ukraine.