

U.S. PRODUCERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

XANTHAN GUM FROM AUSTRIA AND CHINA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than March 26, 2013

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 antidumping investigations concerning xanthan gum from Austria and China (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1202-03 (Final)). 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)).

Name of firm _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
World Wide Web address _____
Has your firm produced xanthan gum (as defined in the instruction booklet) at any time since January 1, 2010?
<input type="checkbox"/> NO (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)
<input type="checkbox"/> YES (Read the instruction booklet carefully, complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission so as to be received by 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 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.

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

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 50 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. **OMB statistics**--Please report below 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. **OMB feedback**--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. **Petition support**--Do you support or oppose the petition?

Support Oppose Take no position

PART I.--GENERAL INFORMATION--Continued

I-4. **Ownership.**--Is your firm owned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Extent of ownership</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-5. **Related importers/exporters.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in importing xanthan gum from Austria and/or China into the United States or that are engaged in exporting xanthan gum from Austria and/or China to the United States?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

I-6. **Related producers.**--Does your firm have any related firms, either domestic or foreign, that are engaged in the production of xanthan gum?

No Yes--List the following information.

<u>Firm name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from **Cynthia Trainor (202-205-3354, cynthia.trainor@usitc.gov)**. **Supply all data requested on a calendar-year basis.**

II-1. **Contact information.**-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part II.

Name and title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-2. **Changes in operations.**--Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the production of xanthan gum since January 1, 2010.

- (check as many as appropriate)* *(please describe and provide date of change)*
- plant openings _____

 - plant closings..... _____

 - relocations _____

 - expansions..... _____

 - acquisitions..... _____

 - consolidations..... _____

 - prolonged shutdowns or
production curtailments..... _____

 - revised labor agreements..... _____

 - other (*e.g.*, technology) _____

 - development of new xanthan
gum products..... _____

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-3. **Same equipment, machinery, and workers.**--Has your firm since 2010 produced, or does your firm anticipate producing in the future, other products on the same equipment and machinery used in the production of xanthan gum and/or using the same production and related workers employed to produce xanthan gum?

- No Yes--List the following information and report your firm's combined production capacity and production of these products and xanthan gum in the periods indicated.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Basis for allocation of capacity and employment data (indicate if different)</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Item	Calendar years		
	2010	2011	2012
	Quantity (1,000 pounds)		
Overall Production Capacity			
Production of:			
Xanthan gum			
Other product 1 _____			
Other product 2 _____			

II-4. **Production constraints and product shifting.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your production capacity and your ability to shift production capacity between products.

II-5. **Tolling.**--Since January 1, 2010, has your firm been involved in a toll agreement (see definition in the instruction booklet) regarding the production of xanthan gum?

- No Yes--Name firm(s): _____.

II-6. **Foreign trade zone.**--Does your firm produce xanthan gum in a foreign trade zone (FTZ)?

- No Yes--Identify FTZ(s): _____.

II-7. **Importer.**--Since January 1, 2010, has your firm imported xanthan gum?

- No Yes--**COMPLETE AND RETURN A U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE**

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PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8a. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, inventories, and employment related to the production of xanthan gum in your U.S. establishment(s) during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2010	2011	2012
Average production capacity¹ (quantity)			
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)			
Production (quantity)			
U.S. shipments:			
Commercial shipments:			
Quantity of commercial shipments			
Value of commercial shipments			
Internal consumption:			
Quantity of internal consumption			
Value ² of internal consumption			
Transfers to related firms:			
Quantity of transfers			
Value ² of transfers			
Export shipments:³			
Quantity of export shipments			
Value of export shipments			
End-of-period inventories⁴ (quantity)			
Channels of distribution:			
U.S. shipments to distributors (quantity)			
U.S. shipments to end users (quantity)			
Employment data:			
Average number of PRWs (number)			
Hours worked by PRWs (1,000 hours)			
Wages paid to PRWs (value)			
¹ The production capacity (see definitions in instruction booklet) reported is based on operating ___ hours per week, ___ weeks per year. Please describe the methodology used to calculate production capacity, and explain any changes in reported capacity (use additional pages as necessary).			
² Internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value. In the event that you use a different basis for valuing these transactions, please specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide value data using that basis for each of the periods noted above:			
³ Identify your principal export markets: _____			
⁴ Reconciliation of data.--Please note that the quantities reported above should reconcile as follows: beginning-of-period inventories, plus production, less total shipments, equals end-of-period inventories. Do the data reported reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No--Please explain: _____			

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Definitions for U.S. shipment and export shipment end use application tables (II-8b and II-8c) are:

1. **Food & beverage**
2. **Pharmaceutical applications**
3. **Consumer applications**
4. **Industrial applications**
5. **Oilfield applications**

Xanthan gum provides multiple forms of utility. Applications may benefit from xanthan gum's ability to suspend and stabilize dispersions of solids, immiscible fluids, and gases in aqueous systems. Practically speaking, this would include solids in drilling fluids, immiscible fluids such as oils in personal care products and salad dressings, and gases in fire-fighting foams. Xanthan gum also provides lubricity, reducing friction in oilfield drilling applications as well as providing a particular type of skin feel to lotions and cosmetics.

Food & beverage applications include products approved for use in food and beverage systems. Xanthan gum is used in condiments (e.g., relish salad dressing, sauces), beverages (e.g., diet, low sugar, energy, or instant powder drinks), syrups, baked goods, frozen meals, prepared foods, bakery products, such as frozen dough, muffins, and gluten-free products. "Approved" refers to definitions and requirements as put forth by multiple regulatory bodies as well as definitive and compendia standards, including:

1. Food Chemicals Codex (FCC)
2. Canadian Food and Drug Law
3. JECFA
4. Japan's Specifications and Standards for Food Additives

These bodies and standards manifest requirements in terms of:

1. Microbiological plate counts
2. Organism types
3. Heavy metal levels
4. Isopropyl Alcohol (IPA) and Ethanol residual levels
5. Basic requirements around color and appearance
6. Consistent and Characterized viscosity

Pharmaceutical end use applications include products such as antibiotics such as amoxicillin. These products are designed to meet higher level purity standards as set forth in USP and NF monographs, and international bodies such as the Japanese Pharmaceutical Excipients, and European Pharmacopeia.

Consumer end use applications include products intended for use in oral care (e.g., toothpaste), personal care (e.g., suncare lotions and sprays).

Industrial applications include agricultural chemicals (e.g., sprayed onto leaves), fabric (e.g., stain removal), home care (e.g., toilet bowl, surface, and oven cleaners), paints and coatings (e.g., pigment suspension), and textiles. These products are regulated under the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"), The European Community Regulation on the Registration, Evaluation, Authorisation, and Restriction of Chemicals ("REACH"), etc.

Oilfield applications include products used in drilling fluid and other applications for the extraction of oil and gas. These products meet the requirements contained in ISO 13500 and American Petroleum Institute ("API") standards.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8b. **U.S. shipments by end use.**--Report your firm's U.S. shipments (commercial shipments and internal consumption and transfers of xanthan gum), by major end use.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds), value (in \$1,000)			
Calendar years			
Item	2010	2011	2012
FOOD & BEVERAGE:¹			
Quantity			
Value			
PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS:¹			
Quantity			
Value			
CONSUMER APPLICATIONS:¹			
Quantity			
Value			
INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS:¹			
Quantity			
Value			
OILFIELD APPLICATIONS:¹			
Quantity			
Value			
ALL OTHER:²			
Quantity			
Value			
TOTAL U.S. SHIPMENTS:³			
Quantity			
Value			

¹ Please indicate the ranges of xanthan gum purity for reported U.S. shipments during 2012 as follows:

	Purity (percent)
Food & beverage	_____
Pharmaceutical	_____
Consumer applications	_____
Industrial applications	_____
Oilfield applications	_____
Other	_____

² Please describe: _____

³ U.S. shipment data (food & beverage + pharmaceutical + consumer applications + Industrial applications + oilfield applications + all other) should reconcile with total U.S. shipment data reported in section II-8a.

Definitions for the above-specified U.S. shipment end use applications appear on page 7.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-8c. **Export shipments by end use.**--Report your firm's export shipments, by major end use.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds), value (in \$1,000)																	
Calendar years																	
Item	2010	2011	2012														
FOOD & BEVERAGE:¹																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
PHARMACEUTICAL APPLICATIONS:¹																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
CONSUMER APPLICATIONS:¹																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
INDUSTRIAL APPLICATIONS:¹																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
OILFIELD APPLICATIONS:¹																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
ALL OTHER:²																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
TOTAL U.S. SHIPMENTS:³																	
Quantity																	
Value																	
¹ Please indicate the ranges of xanthan gum purity for reported export shipments during 2012 as follows: <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="center">Purity (percent)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Food & beverage</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pharmaceutical</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Consumer applications</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial applications</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oilfield applications</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>					Purity (percent)	Food & beverage	_____	Pharmaceutical	_____	Consumer applications	_____	Industrial applications	_____	Oilfield applications	_____	Other	_____
	Purity (percent)																
Food & beverage	_____																
Pharmaceutical	_____																
Consumer applications	_____																
Industrial applications	_____																
Oilfield applications	_____																
Other	_____																
² Please describe: _____																	
³ Export shipment data (food & beverage + pharmaceutical + consumer applications + Industrial applications + oilfield applications + all other) should reconcile with total export shipment data reported in section II-8a.																	
Definitions for the above-specified export shipment end use applications appear on page 7.																	

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

II-9. **Related firms.**--If you reported transfers to related firms in question II-8, please indicate the nature of the relationship between your firm and the related firms (*e.g.*, joint venture, wholly owned subsidiary), whether the transfers were priced at market value or by a non-market formula, whether your firm retained marketing rights to all transfers, and whether the related firms also processed inputs from sources other than your firm.

II-10. **Purchases.**--Other than direct imports, has your firm otherwise purchased xanthan gum since January 1, 2010? (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

No Yes--Report such purchases below for the specified periods.¹

(Quantity in 1,000 pounds value in \$1,000)			
Item	Calendar years		
	2010	2011	2012
PURCHASES FROM U.S. IMPORTERS² OF PRODUCT FROM—			
AUSTRIA:			
<i>Quantity</i>			
<i>Value</i>			
CHINA:			
<i>Quantity</i>			
<i>Value</i>			
All other countries:			
<i>Quantity</i>			
<i>Value</i>			
PURCHASES FROM DOMESTIC PRODUCERS:²			
<i>Quantity</i>			
<i>Value</i>			
PURCHASES FROM OTHER SOURCES:²			
<i>Quantity</i>			
<i>Value</i>			
¹ Please indicate your reasons for purchasing this product. If your reasons differ by source, please elaborate. <hr/>			
² Please list the name of the firm(s) from which you purchased this product. If your suppliers differ by source, please identify the source for each listed supplier. <hr/>			

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Address questions on this part of the questionnaire to **Mary Klir (202-205-3247, mary.klir@usitc.gov)**.

III-1. **Contact information**-- Please identify the responsible individual and the manner by which Commission staff may contact that individual regarding the confidential information submitted in part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

III-2. **Accounting system**--Briefly describe your financial accounting system.

A. When does your fiscal year end (month and day)? _____
If your fiscal year changed during the period examined, explain below:

B.1. Describe the lowest level of operations (e.g., plant, division, company-wide) for which financial statements are prepared that include xanthan gum:

2. Does your firm prepare profit/loss statements for the xanthan gum:

Yes No

3. How often did your firm (or parent company) prepare financial statements (including annual reports, 10Ks)? Please check relevant items below.

Audited, unaudited, annual reports, 10Ks, 10Qs,
 Monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually

4. Accounting basis: GAAP, cash, tax, or other comprehensive basis of accounting (specify) _____

Note: The Commission may request that your company submit copies of its financial statements, including internal profit-and-loss statements for the division or product group that includes xanthan gum, as well as those statements and worksheets used to compile data for your firm's questionnaire response.

III-3. **Cost accounting system**--Briefly describe your cost accounting system (e.g., standard cost, job order cost, etc.).

III-4. **Allocation basis**--Briefly describe your allocation basis, if any, for COGS, SG&A, and interest expense and other income and expenses.

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-5. **Other products.**--Please list any other products you produced in the facilities in which you produced xanthan gum, and provide the share of net sales accounted for by these other products in your most recent fiscal year:

<u>Products</u>	<u>Share of sales</u>
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %
_____	_____ %

III-6. Does your firm purchase inputs (raw materials, labor, energy, or any other services) used in the production of xanthan gum from any related firms?

Yes--Continue to question III-7 below. No--Continue to question III-9 below.

III-7. **Inputs from related firms.**--In the space provided below, identify the inputs used in the production of xanthan gum that your firm purchases from related parties.

<u>Input</u>	<u>Related party</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

III-8. **Inputs from related firms at cost.**--All intercompany profit on inputs purchased from related parties should be eliminated from the costs reported to the Commission in question III-10 (i.e., costs reported in question III-10 should only reflect the related party's cost and not include an associated profit component). Reasonable methods for determining and eliminating the associated profit on inputs purchased from related parties are acceptable.

Has your firm complied with the Commission's instructions regarding costs associated with inputs purchased from related parties?

Yes No

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-9. **Nonrecurring items (charges and gains) included in xanthan gum financial results.**--For each annual period for which financial results are reported in question III-10, please specify all significant nonrecurring items (charges and gains) in the schedule below, the specific table III-10 line item where the nonrecurring items are included, a brief description of the relevant nonrecurring items, and the associated values (*in \$1,000*), as reflected in table III-10; i.e., if an aggregate nonrecurring item has been allocated to table III-10, only the allocated value amount included in table III-10 should be reported in the schedule below. Note: The Commission's objective here is to gather information only on material (significant) nonrecurring items which impacted the reported xanthan gum financial results in table III-10.

	Fiscal years ended--		
	_____	_____	_____
Nonrecurring item: In this column please provide a brief description of each nonrecurring item and indicate the specific table III-10 line item where the nonrecurring item is included.	Nonrecurring item: In these columns please report the amount (<i>in \$1,000</i>) of the relevant nonrecurring item reported in table III-10.		
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-10a. **Operations on xanthan gum.**--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the xanthan gum operations of your U.S. establishment(s).¹ **Do not report resales of products. Note that internal consumption and transfers to related firms must be valued at fair market value and purchases from related firms must be at cost.**² Provide data for your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	_____	_____	_____
Net sales quantities: ³			
Commercial sales ("CS")			
Internal consumption ("IC")			
Transfers to related firms ("Transfers")			
Total net sales quantities			
Net sales values: ³			
Commercial sales			
Internal consumption			
Transfers to related firms			
Total net sales values			
Cost of goods sold (COGS): ⁴			
Raw materials			
Direct labor			
Other factory costs			
Total COGS			
Gross profit or (loss)			
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:			
Selling expenses			
General and administrative expenses			
Total SG&A expenses			
Operating income (loss)			
Other income and expenses:			
Interest expense			
All other expense items			
All other income items			
All other income or expenses, net			
Net income or (loss) before income taxes			
Depreciation/amortization included above			

¹ Include only sales (whether domestic or export) and costs related to your U.S. manufacturing operations.

² Please eliminate any profits or (losses) on inputs from related firms pursuant question III-8.

³ Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire.

⁴ COGS should include costs associated with CS, IC, and Transfers, as well as export shipments as reported in question II-8.

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-10b. **Operations on xanthan gum exports.**--Report the revenue and related cost information requested below on the xanthan gum exports of your U.S. establishment(s).¹ **Do not report resales of products.** Provide data for your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right. **Note: This table is specific to the revenues and costs associated ONLY with your firm's exports of xanthan gum, and is a subset of table III-10a.**

Quantity (in 1,000 pounds) and value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	_____	_____	_____
Export sales quantities: ³			
Export sales values: ³			
Cost of goods sold (COGS): ⁴			
Raw materials			
Direct labor			
Other factory costs			
Total COGS			
Gross profit or (loss)			
Selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) expenses:			
Selling expenses			
General and administrative expenses			
Total SG&A expenses			
Operating income (loss)			
¹ Include only export sales and costs related to your <u>U.S. manufacturing operations</u> . ² Please eliminate any profits or (losses) on inputs from related firms pursuant question III-8. ³ Less discounts, returns, allowances, and prepaid freight. The quantities and values should approximate the corresponding export shipment quantities and values reported in Part II of this questionnaire. ⁴ COGS should include only costs associated with export shipments as reported in question II-8.			

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-11. **Asset values.**--Report the total assets (i.e., both current and long-term assets) associated with the production, warehousing, and sale of xanthan gum. If your firm does not maintain some or all of the specific asset information necessary to calculate total assets for xanthan gum in the normal course of business, please estimate this information based upon a method (such as production, sales, or costs) that is consistent with your cost allocations in the previous question. Provide data as of the end of your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

Note: Total assets should reflect net assets after any accumulated depreciation and allowances deducted. Total assets should be allocated to the subject products if these assets are also related to other products. Please provide a brief explanation if there are any substantial changes in total asset value during the period; e.g., due to asset write-offs, revaluation, and major purchases.

Value (in \$1,000)			
Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	_____	_____	_____
Total assets (net)			

III-12. **Capital expenditures and research and development expenses.**--Report your firm's capital expenditures and research and development expenses on xanthan gum. Provide data for your three most recently completed fiscal years in chronological order from left to right.

Item	Fiscal years ended--		
	_____	_____	_____
Capital expenditures			
Research and development expenses			

III-13. **Data consistency and reconciliation.**--Please indicate whether your financial data for questions III-10, 11, and 12 are based on a calendar year or your fiscal year:

- Calendar year
- Fiscal year (specify _____)

Please note the quantities and values reported in question III-10 should reconcile with the data reported in question II-8 (including export shipments) as long as they are reported on the same calendar year basis.

Do these data in question III-10 reconcile with data in question II-8?

- Yes No--Please explain _____

PART III.--FINANCIAL INFORMATION--Continued

III-14. **Effects of imports**--Since January 1, 2010, has your firm experienced any actual negative effects on its return on investment or its growth, investment, ability to raise capital, existing development and production efforts (including efforts to develop a derivative or more advanced version of the product), or the scale of capital investments as a result of imports of xanthan gum from Austria and/or China?

- No Yes--My firm has experienced actual negative effects as follows:
- Cancellation, postponement, or rejection of expansion projects
 - Denial or rejection of investment proposal
 - Reduction in the size of capital investments
 - Rejection of bank loans
 - Lowering of credit rating
 - Problem related to the issue of stocks or bonds
 - Other (specify) _____

III-15. **Anticipated effects of imports**--Does your firm anticipate any negative effects due to imports of xanthan gum from Austria and/or China?

- No Yes--My firm anticipates negative effects as follows:
- _____
- _____
- _____

III-16. Please provide copies of any business plans, stock or bond offerings, prospectus, or other commercial or financial planning document that your company prepared since January 1, 2010, which discusses xanthan gum.

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from **Clark Workman (202-205-3248, clark.workman@usitc.gov)**.

IV-1. **Contact information.**--Please identify the individual that Commission staff may contact regarding the confidential information submitted in part IV.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

PRICE DATA

IV-2. These questions requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment, for your commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2010 of the following products you imported from Austria and/or China. Data are requested separately for shipments to distributors and end users.

THE PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS ARE THE CONTROLLING FACTOR IN DECIDING WHAT COMPANY-SPECIFIC PRODUCTS TO INCLUDE IN EACH PRODUCT CATEGORY; THE PRODUCT TRADE NAMES ARE PROVIDED AS GUIDELINES.

Product 1.—Pharmaceutical: xanthan gum that meets the requirements contained in 21 C.F.R. § 172.695, Food Chemical Codex (“FCC”), Joint FAO/WHO Expert Committee on Food Additives (“JECFA”), and European Pharmacopeia (“Ph Eur”); and has a TPC of not more than 500 cfu/g.

Product 2.—Consumer: Meets the requirements contained in 21 C.F.R. § 172.695, FCC and JECFA; and has a TPC of not more than 1,000 cfu/g.

Product 3.—Food and Beverage (but not agglomerated): Xanthan gum meets food grade requirements as dictated by the Food Chemicals Codex, 21 C.F.R. § 172.695 or JECFA. Food and beverage can be produced with either isopropyl alcohol (IPA) or ethyl alcohol (ethanol). Applications include, but are not limited to, basic food and beverage applications including baking, condiments, instant beverages, and reduced calorie beverages. Microbiological counts are typically NMT than 2000 CFU/g for TPC and NMT 100 CFU/g for yeast and mold. The 1% KCI viscosity profiles are basic and may range from 1200-1600 cP or from 1300-1700 cp (test is 1% gum in 1% gum in 1% KCI solution, 60rpm reading). Alcohol levels are NMT 750 ppm for countries complying with CFR.

Other certifications include certification with widely recognized Kosher and Halal organizations. In short, this product provides fitness to use and fitness to spec in that they provide a characterized viscosity profile along with microbiological specifications as dictated by market requirements and global regulatory bodies. Testing is done in a lot by lot manner in house or utilizing recognized third party test labs. Product is manufactured under ISO 9001:2008 using a recognized certifying body.

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Product 4.—Agglomerated Food and Beverage: The product meets the definition of food and beverage xanthan gum described above for (product 3) but which also has undergone the additional production step of agglomeration.

Product 5.—Industrial: Industrial xanthan gum meets the requirements of the Toxic Substances Control ACT (TSCA). General industrial applications include fire fighting foams, agricultural chemicals, industrial and institutional cleaners, and architectural paints and coating. These industries are heavily regulated due to waste water and sewer regulations.

Product 6.—Oilfield but not clarified: “Oilfield” xanthan gum consists of all other xanthan gum that meets the physical characteristics of the subject merchandise but which does not meet the requirements for products 1,2,3,4, or 5.

Product 7.—Clarified Oilfield: This pricing product is that xanthan gum meeting the definition of product 6, but which is also “clarified” according to the following definition: 1% xanthan gum in DI water, not less than 55% transmittance.

Please note that total dollar values should be f.o.b., U.S. point of shipment and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Total dollar values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to you (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). See instruction booklet.

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IV-2a. **Pricing data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² produced and sold by your firm to **distributors**.

(Quantity in 1,000 kilograms, Value in dollars)								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2010:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2011:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2012:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
	Product 5		Product 6		Product 7			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
2010:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2011:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2012:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								

¹ Net values (*i.e.*, gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment.

¹ Please identify the specific company products (by trade name) that your firm reported for each product category where price data was reported.

Note.--If your product does not exactly meet the specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your reported pricing data.

Product 1: _____

Product 2: _____

Product 3: _____

Product 4: _____

Product 5: _____

Product 6: _____

Product 7: _____

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IV-2b. **Pricing data.**--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² produced and sold by your firm to **end users**.

(Quantity in 1,000 kilograms, Value in dollars)								
Period of shipment	Product 1		Product 2		Product 3		Product 4	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2010:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2011:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2012:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
	Product 5		Product 6		Product 7			
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value		
2010:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2011:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
2012:								
January-March								
April-June								
July-September								
October-December								
¹ Net values (<i>i.e.</i> , gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods), f.o.b. your U.S. point of shipment. ² Please identify the specific company products (by trade name) that your firm reported for each product category where price data was reported. <hr/> <hr/>								
Note. --If your product does not exactly meet the specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your reported pricing data. Product 1: _____ Product 2: _____ Product 3: _____ Product 4: _____ Product 5: _____ Product 6: _____ Product 7: _____								

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IV-3. **Price setting.**-- How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of xanthan gum (*check all that apply*)? If your firm issues price lists, please submit sample pages of a recent list.

Transaction by transaction	Contracts	Set price lists	Other	If other, describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-4. **Discount policy.**-- Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-5. **Pricing terms for xanthan gum.**--

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for its U.S.-produced xanthan gum?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other (specify)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) On what basis are your prices of domestic xanthan gum usually quoted (*check one*)?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-6. **Contract versus spot.**--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of its U.S.-produced xanthan gum in 2012 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) short-term contract basis, and (3) spot sales basis?

<u>Type of sale</u>	<u>Share of 2012 sales</u>
Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	_____ %
Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries up to and including 12 months)	_____ %
Spot sales (for a single delivery)	_____ %
Total	100 %

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IV-7. **Contract provisions.**— Please fill out the table with respect to provisions of your typical sales contracts for xanthan gum (or check “not applicable” if your firm does not sell on a long-term and/or short-term contract basis). Please provide a list of the customers that have long-term contracts for purchases of xanthan gum with your company.

Typical sales contract provisions	Item	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries up to and including 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	<i>Number of days</i>		
Price renegotiation (during the contract period)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fixed quantity and/or price	<i>Quantity</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Price</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<i>Both</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meet or release provision	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not applicable		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-8. **Lead times.**--What is your share of sales both from inventory and produced to order and what is the average lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of your U.S.-produced xanthan gum?

(a)

Source	Share of 2012 sales	Lead time (days)
From inventory	_____ %	_____
Produced to order	_____ %	_____
Total	100 %	

(b) Do items held in inventory generally have a shorter delivery lead time than items that are produced to order? Yes___ NO___ In the space provided please discuss the relationship between inventory levels and lead times for delivery at your company.

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IV-9. **Shipping information.**--

- (a) What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of xanthan gum that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs? _____ %
- (b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your customers' locations?
 Your firm Purchaser (*check one*)
- (c) Indicate the approximate percentage of your sales of xanthan gum that are delivered the following distances from your production facility.

Distance from production facility	Share
Within 100 miles	%
101 to 1,000 miles	%
Over 1,000 miles	%
Total	100 %

IV-10. **Geographical shipments.**-- What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's shipments of xanthan gum? (check all that apply)

Geographic area	√ if applicable
Northeast. —CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwest. —IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Southeast. —AL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Central Southwest. —AR, LA, OK, and TX.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mountains. —AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pacific Coast. —CA, OR, and WA.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other. —All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI, among others.	<input type="checkbox"/>

IV-11. **End uses.**--List the end uses of the xanthan gum that you manufacture. For each end-use product, what percentage of the total cost is accounted for by xanthan gum and other inputs?

End use product	Share of total cost of end use product accounted for by		Total
	Xanthan gum (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%

PART IV.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

IV-12. **Substitutes.**-- Can other products be substituted for xanthan gum?

(a) No Yes--Please fill out the table.

Substitute	End use in which this substitute is used	Have changes in the prices of this substitute affected the price for xanthan gum?		
		No	Yes	Explanation
1.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
2.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
3.		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

(b) Is guar gum a substitute for xanthan gum?

No Yes--Please discuss.

(c) Have changes in the price of guar gum affected the prices or demand for xanthan gum at any time since January 1, 2010?

No Yes--Please discuss.

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IV-13. **Demand trends.**-- Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States (if known) for xanthan gum has changed since January 1, 2010. Describe the principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Increase	No change	Decrease	Fluctuate	Factors
Within the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Outside the United States	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

IV-14. **Product changes.**--Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product mix, or marketing of xanthan gum since January 1, 2010?

No Yes--Please describe and quantify if possible.

IV-15. **Business cycles.**--

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

No (skip to question IV-17.) Yes-- Please describe below and then answer part (b).

(b) If yes, have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for xanthan gum since January 1, 2010?

No Yes-- Please describe.

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IV-16. **Supply constraints.**--Has your firm ever refused, declined, or been unable to supply xanthan gum (examples include placing customers on allocation or "controlled order entry," declining to accept new customers or renew existing customers, delivering less than the quantity promised, been unable to meet timely shipment commitments, etc.)?

- No Yes-- Please describe, indicating the specific period where the supply constraint occurred and the nature of the supply constraint.

IV-17. **Unusual Supply problems.**—In the space provided below please discuss any significant U.S. xanthan gum plant closings that have occurred in the United States since January 1, 2010. In your discussion, please note the name and owner of the plant, the approximate date when the closing occurred, and the reason the plant closed.

IV-18. **Raw materials.**--Please describe any trends in the prices of raw materials used to produce xanthan gum, whether your firm expects these trends to continue, and what effect these trends have had on pricing of xanthan gum.

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IV-20. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between xanthan gum produced in the United States and in other countries a significant factor in your firm's sales 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	AUSTRIA	CHINA	Other countries
United States			
AUSTRIA			
CHINA			
For any country-pair for which factors other than price <i>always</i> or <i>frequently</i> are a significant factor in your firm's sales of xanthan gum, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors: <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			

IV-21. **Global prices**—From your experience, are prices of xanthan gum determined largely on a global basis because large global purchasers typically buy xanthan gum for delivery to their facilities throughout the world in the same transaction? Yes ____ No. ____ . Please discuss in the space provided.

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IV-22. **Substitutability between U.S.-produced and imported xanthan gum from Austria and China**—Are there certain applications where only U.S.-produced xanthan gum can be used rather than imports from Austria or China? Yes___ No___ Please discuss these applications in the space provided. In your discussion please note whether it is easy or difficult to switch suppliers.

IV-23. **Quality issue relating to imports from China**— Are there quality problems with imports of xanthan gum from China that limit or discourage their used in certain applications? Yes___ No___ Please discuss the quality problems and applications in the space provided.

IV-24. **Private label products**— Are private label products commonly provided to customers on request in the xanthan gum industry? Yes___No___ Please discuss below.

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IV-25. **Customer Identification**--Please identify the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for xanthan gum since January 1, 2010. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of xanthan gum that each of these customers accounted for in 2012.

	Customer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of 2012 sales (%)
1					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
2					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
3					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
4					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
5					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
6					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
7					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
8					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
9					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	
10					Street Address City ' State Zip Code	

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IV-26. COMPETITION FROM IMPORTS--LOST REVENUES.--

Since January 1, 2010: To avoid losing sales to competitors selling xanthan gum from Austria and/or China, did your firm:

	No	Yes
Reduce prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Roll back announced price increases	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE DO NOT RE-SUBMIT ALLEGATIONS PROVIDED IN THE PRELIMINARY PHASE OF THIS PROCEEDING.

If you indicated "yes" above, please furnish the following information for each affected transaction. If possible, provide documentation (e.g., copies of invoices, sales reports, or letters from customers). Please note that the Commission may contact the firms named to verify the allegations reported.

- Customer name, contact person, phone and fax numbers
- Specific product(s) involved
- Date of your initial price quotation
- Quantity involved
- Your initial *rejected* price quotation (total delivered value)
- Your *accepted* price quotation (total delivered value)
- The country of origin of the competing imported product
- The competing price quotation of the imported product (total delivered value)

Customer name, contact person, phone and fax numbers	Product	Country of origin	Date of quote	Quantity (pounds)	Initial rejected U.S. price (total value-- dollars)	Accepted U.S. price (total value-- dollars)	Competing import price (total value-- dollars)
Firm Contact Phone Fax							
Firm Contact Phone Fax							
Firm Contact Phone Fax							
Firm Contact Phone Fax							

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IV-27. COMPETITION FROM IMPORTS--LOST SALES.—

Since January 1, 2010: Did your firm lose sales of xanthan gum to imports of these products from Austria and/or China?

No **Yes**

PLEASE DO NOT RE-SUBMIT ALLEGATIONS PROVIDED IN THE PRELIMINARY PHASE OF THIS PROCEEDING.

If you indicated “yes” above, please furnish the following information for each affected transaction. If possible, provide documentation (e.g., copies of invoices, sales reports, or letters from customers). Please note that the Commission may contact the firms named to verify the allegations reported.

- Customer name, contact person, phone and fax numbers
- Specific product(s) involved
- Date of your price quotation
- Quantity involved
- Your rejected price quotation (total delivered value)
- The country of origin of the competing imported product
- The accepted price quotation of the imported product (total delivered value)

Customer name, contact person, phone and fax numbers	Product	Country of origin	Date of quote	Quantity (pounds)	Rejected U.S. price (total value--dollars)	Competing import price (total value—dollars)
Firm Contact Phone Fax						
Firm Contact Phone Fax						
Firm Contact Phone Fax						
Firm Contact Phone Fax						