#### U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

#### MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE FROM CHINA AND INDONESIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than SEPTEMBER 30, 2013

See 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 countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning monosodium glutamate ("MSG") from China and Indonesia (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-503-504 and 731-TA-1229-1230 (Preliminary)). 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 firm's possession (19 U.S.C. § 1333(a)).

Name of firm

<b>City</b>	State	Zip Code	
World Wide Web ad	ldress		
Has your firm imported 2010?	MSG (as defined in the instruction book)	let) from any country at any time since Ja	anuary 1,
NO (Sign the	e certification below and promptly return only	this page of the questionnaire to the Commis	sion)
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	aire via the U.S. International Trank: <a href="https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/">https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/</a>		
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#### 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.

I-1a. <u>OMB statistics</u>.--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 feedbackWe 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
	firm's response or send them to the above address.

please specify the stock ex	exchange and trading symbol.	). If your firm is publicly t
OwnershipIs your firm	n owned, in whole or in part, by any	other firm?
□ No □ Yes	List the following information	
		Extent of
		ownershi (percent)
Firm name	Address	
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# ${\bf PART~I.-}\underline{\bf GENERAL~INFORMATION}\text{--}Continued$

□ No □ Ye	sList the following info	ormation.	
Firm name	Address		Affiliation
Related producersI	Does your firm have any	related firms, either domes	tic or foreign, tl
engaged in the product		,	<i>U</i> ,
☐ No ☐ Ye	sList the following info	ormation.	
Firm name	Address		Affiliation
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Importing operations	Please indicate the nat	ure of your firm's importing	ng operations on
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# ${\bf PART~I.-}\underline{\bf GENERAL~INFORMATION}\text{--}Continued$

I-8.	<u>FTZ or bonded warehouses</u> Please indicate whether your firm enters MSG into, or withdraw such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses.				
	Foreign trade zones Bonded warehouses	No	Yes		
I-9.	<u>Temporary importation under bond</u> Please indicate whether your firm imports MSG under the TIB (temporary importation under bond) program.				
	□ No □ Yes				
I-10.	Third-country trade activitiesTo your knowled proceeding been the subject of any other import reother countries?	•			
	☐ No ☐ Yes–Please specify				

## PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Amy Sherman (202-205-3289, amy.sherman@usitc.gov). **Supply all data requested on a <u>calendar-year</u> basis**.

e whether your firm has experienced any of the form MSG since January 1, 2010.
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## PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

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Period/Source	Jul-Sept 2013	Oct-Dec 2013	Jan-Mar 2014	Apr-Jun 201
China				
Indonesia				
Other sources: <sup>1</sup>				
<sup>1</sup> Identify your other	sources:			
	ng If your firm also	produces MSG in th	ne United States, plea	ase indicate se elaborate.

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

II-5a. <u>IMPORTS FROM CHINA</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of MSG imported from China by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

# **CHINA**

Qualitity (	in 1,000 poun	ds), value ( <i>in</i> \$	11,000)	_	
	Calendar years			January-June	
Item	2010	2011	2012	2012	2013
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Imports: <sup>1</sup> Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:  Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value <sup>2</sup> of internal consumption/transfers					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
End-of-period inventories <sup>4</sup> (quantity)					
Channels of distribution: U.S. shipments to distributors (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to end users (quantity)					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign producers, if known	:				
<sup>2</sup> Sales to related firms (including internal consular a different basis for valuing these sales within your value data using that basis for each of the periods and all dentify your firm's principal export markets: <sup>4</sup> Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the quinventories, plus imports, less total shipments, equal principal exports.	company, plea noted above: uantities repor	ted above shou	basis (e.g., cost	, cost plus, etc.)	and provid

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

II-5b. **IMPORTS FROM INDONESIA**.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of MSG imported from Indonesia by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

# **INDONESIA**

Quantity (	in 1,000 poun	ds), value (in \$	51,000)		
		Calendar year	'S	Januar	y-June
Item	2010	2011	2012	2012	2013
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Imports: <sup>1</sup> Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:  Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value <sup>2</sup> of internal consumption/transfers					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
End-of-period inventories <sup>4</sup> (quantity)					
Channels of distribution: U.S. shipments to distributors ( <i>quantity</i> )					
U.S. shipments to end users (quantity)					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the foreign producers, if known	:				
<sup>2</sup> Sales to related firms (including internal consu a different basis for valuing these sales within your value data using that basis for each of the periods	company, plea	e valued at fair ase specify that	market value. I basis (e.g., cost	n the event that , cost plus, etc.)	your firm uses and provide
<sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal export markets: <sup>4</sup> Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the <b>q</b> inventories, plus imports, less total shipments, equal    \[ \text{Yes}  \text{NoPlease explain} \]					

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

II-6. <u>IMPORTS FROM NONSUBJECT SOURCES</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of MSG imported from **all other sources combined** by your firm during the specified periods. (See definitions in the instruction booklet.)

# ALL OTHER SOURCES COMBINED

Quantity (	in 1,000 pound	s), value ( <i>in \$</i>	(1,000)		
	(	Calendar year	S	Januar	y-June
Item	2010	2011	2012	2012	2013
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity)					
Imports: <sup>1</sup>					
Quantity of imports					
Value of imports					
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: Quantity of commercial shipments					
Value of commercial shipments					
Internal consumption/company transfers:  Quantity of internal consumption/transfers					
Value <sup>2</sup> of internal consumption/transfers					
Export shipments: <sup>3</sup> Quantity of export shipments					
Value of export shipments					
End-of-period inventories <sup>4</sup> (quantity)					
Channels of distribution: U.S. shipments to distributors (quantity)					
U.S. shipments to end users (quantity)					
<sup>1</sup> Please identify the sources and foreign produc	ers, if known:				
<sup>2</sup> Sales to related firms (including internal consu a different basis for valuing these sales within your value data using that basis for each of the periods	company, pleas				
<sup>3</sup> Identify your firm's principal export markets: <sup>4</sup> Reconciliation of dataPlease note that the quinventories, plus imports, less total shipments, equal   Yes NoPlease explain:					g-of-period

#### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Michele Breaux (202-205-2781, Michele.Breaux@usitc.gov).

III-1. <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 part III.

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

#### **PRICE DATA**

III-2. These questions requests quarterly price and quantity data, f.o.b. your firm's U.S. point of shipment, for your firm's commercial shipments to unrelated U.S. customers since January 1, 2010 of the following products your firm imported from China and/or Indonesia:

**Product 1.**—MSG FINE 50 LB – Paper Bag

**Product 2.**—MSG REGULAR 50 LB – Paper Bag

**Product 3.--** MSG REGULAR 100 LB DRM – Fiber Drum

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 your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates). See instruction booklet.

## PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2a. **Price data**.--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from China and sold by your firm.

# **CHINA**

Report data in actual pounds and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

	(પા	iantity <i>in poui</i>	ias, value in d	ioliars)		
	Prod	uct 1	Produ	uct 2	Product 3	
Period of shipment	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						
2013:						
January-March						
April-June						
Net values (i.e., gros- returned goods), f.o.b. your <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definition	r firm's U.S. poir	nt of shipment.			aid freight, and t	he value of
<b>Note</b> If your firm's product product, provide a descripting data.						
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

## PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2b. <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from Indonesia and sold by your firm.

# **INDONESIA**

Report data in actual pounds and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

	Prod		nas, value <i>in d</i> Prodi		Drod	luct 2
But to to to the count					Product 3	
Period of shipment	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						
2013:						
January-March						
April-June						
<sup>1</sup> Net values ( <i>i.e.</i> , gross returned goods), f.o.b. your <sup>2</sup> Pricing product defini	r firm's U.S. poir	nt of shipment.			aid freight, and t	he value of
<b>Note</b> -If your firm's product product, provide a descripti pricing data.						
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-2c. <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data<sup>1</sup> for pricing products<sup>2</sup> imported from your largest country import source other than China or Indonesia and sold by your firm.

# **BRAZIL**

Report data in actual pounds and actual dollars (not 1,000s).

	(પા	iantity <i>in poui</i>	ias, value in d	ioliars)		
	Prod	uct 1	Produ	uct 2	Product 3	
Period of shipment	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						
2013:						
January-March						
April-June						
Net values (i.e., gros- returned goods), f.o.b. your <sup>2</sup> Pricing product definition	r firm's U.S. poir	nt of shipment.			aid freight, and t	he value of
<b>Note</b> If your firm's product product, provide a descripting data.						
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

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## PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

Transa by transa	,	Contracts	Set price lists	Other		If other, desc	ribe
	]						
<b>Discoun</b> apply).	t policy	Please	indicate and	l describe	your firm	s discount policies (	(check all that
Quant discou	ity	Annual total volume iscounts	No discount policy	Other		Describ	e
		t basis are	your firm's	prices of	imported	MSG from China an	1/ 1 - 1
		quoted (ch	eck one)?				d/or Indonesia
		quoted (ch	eck one)?  F.o.b.	If f.o.b.	, specify		d/or indonesia
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<u>Contrac</u> China ai	Delive t versus ad/or Inc. dd (3) spector Long than a	s spotAldonesia in ot sales ba	pproximatel 2012 were esis?	ly what shon a (1) lo	are of you ng-term o	r firm's sales of MS ontract basis, (2) sho	G imported ort-term con

Total

#### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-7. <u>Contract provisions.</u>— Please fill out the table with respect to provisions of your firm's typical sales contracts for MSG from China and/or Indonesia (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term and/or short-term contract basis).

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	Number of days		
Price renegotiation (during the	Yes		
contract period)	No		
	Quantity		
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price		
	Both		
Most or release provision	Yes		
Meet or release provision	No		
Not applicable	-		

III-8. <u>Lead times.--</u>What is your firm's share of sales of MSG imported from China and/or Indonesia both from inventory and produced to order and what is the typical lead time between a customer's order and the date of delivery for your firm's sales of MSG?

<u>Source</u>	Share of 2012 sales	<u>Lead time</u> (days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total	100 %	

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of MSG imported from China and/or Indonesia that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs?						
(b)	Who generally arranges the transportation to you Your firm Purchaser (check one)	Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?  Your firm Purchaser (check one)					
(c)	shipped?	When your firm sells MSG imported from China and Indonesia, from where is it shipped?  Point of importation   Storage facility (check one)					
(d)	Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm and/or Indonesia that are delivered the following shipment.						
	Distance from your firm's U.S. point of shipment	Share					
	Within 100 miles		%				
	101 to 1,000 miles		%				
	Over 1,000 miles		%				
	Total	100	%	1			

III-10. **Geographical shipments--**What is the geographic market area in the United States served by your firm's shipments of MSG imported from subject countries? (check all that apply)

Geographic area	China	Indonesia
NortheastCT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, and VT.		
MidwestIL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, and WI.		
SoutheastAL, DE, DC, FL, GA, KY, MD, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, and WV.		
Central SouthwestAR, LA, OK, and TX.		
MountainsAZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY.		
Pacific CoastCA, OR, and WA.		
<b>Other</b> .—All other markets in the United States not previously listed, including AK, HI, PR, and VI, among others.		

### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-11. **End uses**-Describe the end uses of the MSG that your firm imports from China and/or Indonesia. For each end-use product, what percentage of the <u>total cost</u> is accounted for by MSG and other inputs?

	Share of total cos accoun		
End use product	MSG (percent)	Other inputs (percent)	Total
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%
	%	%	100%

III-12.	2. <b>Substitutes</b> Can other products be substituted for MSG?							
	☐ No	YesPlease fill out	the ta	ıble.				
		End use in which this	Ha	ve cha	inges in the prices of this substitute affected the price for MSG?			
	Substitute	substitute is used	No	Yes	Explanation			
1.								
2.								
3.								

## PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-13.	<b><u>Demand trends</u></b> Indicate how demand within the United States and outside of the United States
	(if known) for MSG has changed since January 1, 2010. Explain any trends and describe the
	principal factors that have affected these changes in demand.

Market	Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the United States					
Outside the United States					

III-14.	<b>Product changes</b> Have there been any significant changes in the product mix or marketing of
	MSG since January 1, 2010?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

## III-15. Business cycles.--

a) Is the MSG market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions)
and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to MSG?

	No (skip to question III-16.)
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business).
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition

If yes, describe below.

Ducinos ovalos	
Business cycles	
Other conditions of competition	

#### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-15.	<b>Business</b>	cvcles	Continued

(b) Have there	e been any	changes in	the business	s cycles or	conditions	of competition	for MSG
since January	1, 2010?						

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-16. <u>Supply constraints.</u>--Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply MSG since January 1, 2010 (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	If yes, please describe.

III-17.	Raw materialsPlease describe any trends in the prices of raw materials used to produce and whether your firm expects these trends to continue.			

#### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-18. <u>Interchangeability.--</u>Is MSG 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	China	Indonesia	Other countries
United States			
China			
Indonesia			
	r-pair producing MSG tha ors that limit or preclude i	t is sometimes or never inte nterchangeable use:	rchangeable, please
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#### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-19. **Factors other than price.**--Are differences other than price (*i.e.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between MSG 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	China	Indonesia	Other countries
United States			
China			
Indonesia			
factor in your fir		ner than price <i>always</i> or <i>free</i> by the country-pair and repo	
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### PART III.--PRICING AND RELATED INFORMATION--Continued

III-20. **Customer Identification**--Please identify the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for MSG since January 1, 2010. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of MSG 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	