

## FOREIGN PRODUCERS'/EXPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

### MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE FROM CHINA AND INDONESIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by no later than **JULY 24, 2014**

*See the last page of this questionnaire 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 duty investigations concerning monosodium glutamate ("MSG") from China and Indonesia (Inv. Nos. 731-TA-1229-1230 (Final)). The information requested in the questionnaire is requested under the authority of the Tariff Act of 1930, Title VII.

**Name of firm** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Website address** \_\_\_\_\_

Has your firm produced or exported MSG (as defined on the next page) at any time since January 1, 2011?

**NO** (Sign the certification below and promptly return only this page of the questionnaire to the Commission)

**YES** (Complete all parts of the questionnaire, and return the entire questionnaire to the Commission. Firms operating more than one establishment in a single country should combine the data for all establishments into a single report).

Data reported in this questionnaire relate to (Check one):

**CHINA**                       **INDONESIA**

**Return questionnaire via the U.S. International Trade Commission Drop Box by clicking on the following link: <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/>. (use the following PIN: **MSG**)**

#### 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.*

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**Name of Authorized Official**

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**Title of Authorized Official**

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**Date**

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**Signature**

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**Phone:**

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**Fax:**

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**Email address**

**PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Background.**

This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on September 16, 2013 by Ajinomoto North America Inc. ("AJINA"), Itasca, Illinois.

Antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of these proceedings if the Commission makes an affirmative determination of injury, threat, or material retardation, and if the U.S. Department of Commerce makes an affirmative determination of dumping.

**Merchandise covered by these investigations.**

**Monosodium glutamate ("MSG") or "subject product"** covered by these investigations is monosodium glutamate (MSG), whether or not blended or in solution with other products. Specifically, MSG that has been blended or is in solution with other product(s) is included in this scope when the resulting mix contains 15% or more of MSG by dry weight. Products with which MSG may be blended include, but are not limited to, salts, sugars, starches, maltodextrins, and various seasonings. Further, MSG is included in this investigation regardless of physical form (including, but not limited to, substrates, solutions, dry powders of any particle size, or unfinished forms such as MSG slurry), end-use application, or packaging.

MSG has a molecular formula of  $C_5H_8NO_4Na$ , a Chemical Abstract Service (CAS) registry number of 6106-04-3, and a Unique Ingredient Identifier (UNII) number of W81N5U6R6U.<sup>1</sup>

MSG is currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) of the United States at subheading 2922.42.10.00. Merchandise subject to the investigation may also enter under HTS subheadings 2922.42.50.00, 2103.90.72.00, 2103.90.74.00, 2103.90.78.00, 2103.90.80.00, and 2103.90.90.91. The tariff classifications, CAS registry number, and UNII number are provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope is dispositive.

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

**Confidentiality.**--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to the enclosed questionnaire(s) that reveal the individual operations of your firm will be treated as confidential by the Commission to the extent that such data are not otherwise available to the public and will not be disclosed except as may be required by law (see 19 U.S.C. § 1677f). Such confidential information will not be published in a manner that will reveal the individual operations of your firm; however, general characterizations of numerical business proprietary information (such as discussion of trends) will be treated as confidential business information only at the request of the submitter for good cause shown.

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<sup>1</sup> Commission staff recognizes that the chemical formula in the scope as written reflects the anhydrous (no water) form of MSG, while the CAS and UNII numbers in the scope reference the monohydrated (one water molecule) form of MSG. The correct chemical formula corresponding to the CAS and UNII numbers referenced in the scope can be expressed as  $C_5H_8NO_4Na \cdot H_2O$  or  $C_5H_{10}NO_5Na$ .

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

**Release of information.**--The information provided by your firm in response to the questionnaire(s), as well as any other business proprietary information submitted by your firm to the Commission in connection with this proceeding, may become subject to, and released under, the administrative protective order provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1677f) and section 207.7 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.7). This means that certain lawyers and other authorized individuals may temporarily be given access to the information for use in connection with this proceeding or other import-injury proceedings conducted by the Commission on the same or similar merchandise; those individuals would be subject to severe penalties if the information were divulged to unauthorized individuals.

- I-1. **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. We are also 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.

Hours	Dollars

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 20 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-2. **Establishments covered.**--Provide the name and address of establishment(s) covered by this questionnaire. If your firm is publicly traded, please specify the stock exchange and trading symbol.

**“Establishment”**--Each facility of a firm involved in the production, importation, and/or purchase of the subject product, including auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.

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I-3. **U.S. importers.**--Please provide the names, street addresses (not P.O. boxes), contacts, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of the **FIVE** largest U.S. importers of your firm's subject product in 2013.

	Importer's name	Contact person	Email	Telephone	Street address (not P.O. box), city, state, and zip code	Share of your firm's 2013 U.S. exports (%)
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	

I-4. **Related U.S. producers.**--Does your firm or any related firm produce, have the capability to produce, or have any plans to produce the subject product in the United States or other countries?

- No                       Yes--Please name the firm(s) and country(ies) below and, if U.S. producer(s), ensure that they complete the Commission's producer questionnaire.

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I-5. **Related U.S. importers.**--Does your firm or any related firm import or have any plans to import the subject product into the United States?

- No                       Yes--Please name the firm(s) below and ensure that they complete the Commission's importer questionnaire

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**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 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	
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 the subject product since January 1, 2011.

<i>(check as many as appropriate)</i>	<i>(please describe)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> plant openings	
<input type="checkbox"/> plant closings	
<input type="checkbox"/> relocations	
<input type="checkbox"/> expansions	
<input type="checkbox"/> acquisitions	
<input type="checkbox"/> consolidations	
<input type="checkbox"/> prolonged shutdowns or production curtailments	
<input type="checkbox"/> revised labor agreements	
<input type="checkbox"/> other (e.g., technology)	

II-3. **Anticipated changes in operations.**--Does your firm anticipate any changes in the character of its operations or organization relating to the production of the subject product in the future?

- No                       Yes--Supply details as to the time, nature, and significance of such changes and provide underlying assumptions, along with relevant portions of business plans or other supporting documentation that address this issue.

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II-4a. **Overall production and capacity.**--Please report your firm's average capacity to produce the subject product and any other products made on the same equipment and machinery in the same establishment.

**"Average production capacity" or "capacity"** is defined as the level of production that your establishment(s) could reasonably have expected to attain during the specified periods for all products manufactured in that establishment using the same manufacturing equipment. When computing overall production capacity assume normal operating conditions (i.e., using equipment and machinery in place and ready to operate; normal operating levels (hours per week/weeks per year) and time for downtime, maintenance, repair, and cleanup; and a typical or representative product mix).

Capacity					
(Quantity in 1,000 pounds dry weight of MSG)					
Item	Calendar years			January-June	
	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014
<b>Overall production capacity</b>					
<b>Production of:</b>					
Subject product (i.e. MSG)					
Other products: _____					

Note.-- Production of MSG should equal production data reported in II-7.

II-4b. **Operating parameters.**--The production capacity reported above is based on operating \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week, \_\_\_\_\_ weeks per year.

II-4c. **Capacity calculation.**--Please describe the methodology used to calculate overall production capacity reported above, and explain any changes in reported capacity. Also describe the methodology for allocating overall production capacity amongst different products (if applicable).

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II-4d. **Production constraints.**--Please describe the constraint(s) that set the limit(s) on your firm's average production capacity.

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II-5. **Product shifting.**—

(i) Is your firm able to switch production between the subject product and other products using the same manufacturing equipment?

No

Yes-- Please identify other actual or potential products.

(Please note: You should provide data for the products listed here in questions II-3a and II-7a).

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(ii) Please report any changes in the mix of your production that occurred during the period of investigation in facilities that produce the subject product and non-scope products. In responding to this question, report: 1) the date(s) such changes occurred; 2) the time involved to make the change; 3) the reason(s) for the change.

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II-6. **Inventories in the United States.**--Has your firm, since 2011, maintained any inventories of the subject product in the United States (not including inventories held by firms identified in question I-3)?

No

Yes--Report the quantity of such end-of-period inventories below.

Inventories held in the United States					
<i>(Quantity in 1,000 pounds dry weight of MSG)</i>					
Item	2011	2012	2013	January-June	
				2013	2014
Inventory					

II-7. **Share of sales.**--What percentage of your firm's total sales in its most recent fiscal year was represented by sales of the subject product? \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-8. **Share of total production.**--Please estimate what percentage of total production of the subject product in China or Indonesia is accounted for by your firm's total production of the subject product in 2013: \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-9. **Share of total exports.**--Please estimate what percentage of total exports to the United States of the subject product from China and/or Indonesia is accounted for by your firm's total exports of the subject product in 2013. \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

II-10. **Third country trade actions.**--Is the subject product exported by your firm subject to any other antidumping, countervailing duty, or safeguard findings, remedies, or proceedings in any country besides the United States?

No

Yes--List the products(s), countries affected, and the date of such findings/remedies/proceedings.

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II-11. **Trade data.**--Report your firm's production capacity, production, shipments, and inventories related to the production of the subject product in your establishment(s) in China or Indonesia during the specified periods.

Do not submit data by manufacturing facility if they are in the same country. If your firm has multiple manufacturing establishments within one country, you are required to combine data for those establishments within one foreign producer questionnaire response.

Do not submit data on multiple countries combined. The establishments reported here should all be located in the country of the firm's address reported on the certification page. Multinational companies with production in multiple subject countries should submit separate foreign producer questionnaire responses for each subject country.

Trade Data							
Quantity (in 1,000 pounds dry weight of MSG)							
Item	Actual experience					Projections <sup>1</sup>	
	Calendar year			January-June		2014	2015
	2011	2012	2013	2013	2014		
Average production capacity <sup>2</sup> (A)							
Beginning-of-period inventories <sup>3</sup> (B)							
Production <sup>2</sup> (C)							
<b>Home market shipments:</b>							
Internal consumption/transfers (D)							
Commercial shipments (E)							
Exports to the United States (F)							
Exports to all other markets <sup>4</sup> (G)							
Total exports (H) (should equal F+G)							
Total shipments (I) (should equal D+E+F+G)							
End-of-period inventories (J)							
<sup>1</sup> Please explain the basis for your firm's projections. _____ <sup>2</sup> The production capacity reported should equal the quantity reported in question II-4a under "capacity to produce subject product." The production reported should equal the quantity reported in question II-5a under "production of the subject product." <sup>3</sup> <u>Reconciliation of data.</u> —The data should reconcile as follows: <b>B + C - I = J</b> . Do these data reconcile? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If your firm's data do not reconcile, please explain: _____ <sup>4</sup> Identify principal other export markets. _____							

**Other explanations**--If your firm would like to further explain a response to a question that did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation in the space provided below. Please also use this space to highlight any issues your firm had in providing the data in this section, including but not limited to technical issues with the MS Word questionnaire.

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## OPTIONS FOR FILING THIS QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE WITH THE ITC

This questionnaire is available as a “fillable” form in MS Word format on the Commission’s website at:

[http://usitc.gov/trade\\_remedy/731\\_ad\\_701\\_cvd/investigations/2014/msg/finalphase.htm](http://usitc.gov/trade_remedy/731_ad_701_cvd/investigations/2014/msg/finalphase.htm)

***Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document.*** Please complete the questionnaire and submit it electronically using one of the methods noted below. If your firm is unable to complete the MS Word questionnaire or cannot use one of the electronic methods of submission, please contact the Commission for further instructions.

- **Upload via Secure Drop Box.**—Upload the completed questionnaire in MS Word format along with a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1) through the Commission’s secure upload facility:

**Web address:** <https://dropbox.usitc.gov/oinv/> **Pin: MSG**

- **E-mail.**—E-mail your questionnaire to the investigator identified on page 4 of this questionnaire; include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1).

*Please note that submitting your questionnaire by e-mail may subject your firm’s business proprietary information to transmission over an unsecure environment and to possible disclosure. If you choose this option, the Commission warns you that any risk involving possible disclosure of such information is assumed by the submitter and not by the Commission.*

- **Compact disc (CD).**—Copy your MS Word questionnaire onto a CD. Also please include a signed certification page (page 1), and mail to the U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E. Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. *It is strongly recommended that you use an **overnight mail service**. U.S. mail sent to government offices undergoes additional processing which not only results in substantial delays in delivery but may also damage CDs.*

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

**If you determine that your firm does not produce or export this product**, please complete page 1 of the respective questionnaire by: (1) Filling in your name and address, (2) Checking the “no” box, (3) Signing the bottom of page 1, and (4) Returning page 1 to the Commission using any of the methods listed above.