U.S. PURCHASERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

DIOCTYL TEREPHTHALATE (DOTP) FROM KOREA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>April 11, 2017</u>

See last page 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 investigation concerning dioctyl terephthalate ("DOTP") from Korea (Inv. No. 731-TA-1330 (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)). Further information on this questionnaire can be obtained from John Benedetto (202-205-3270, john.benedetto@usitc.gov).

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City		_ State	Zip Co	de		
Website						
Has your firm purchased January 1, 2014?	d DOTP (as defined on next	t page) from <u>ar</u>	<u>ny</u> source (do	mestic or foreig	n) at any time sin	ce
NO (Sign the	certification below and prom	ptly return only	this page of th	e questionnaire to	o the Commission)	
YES (Complet	e all parts of the questionnair	re, and return th	e entire quest	onnaire to the Co	mmission)	
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on June 30, 2016, by Eastman Chemical Company, Kingsport, Tennessee. Antidumping duties may be assessed on the subject imports as a result of this proceeding 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. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at:

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/dioctyl_terephthalate_dotp_korea/final.htm.

<u>Dioctyl terephthalate ("DOTP").</u>--The product covered by this investigation is dioctyl terephthalate ("DOTP"), regardless of form.

DOTP that has been blended with other products is included within this scope when such blends include constituent parts that have not been chemically reacted with each other to produce a different product. For such blends, only the DOTP component of the mixture is covered by the scope of this investigation.

DOTP that is otherwise subject to this investigation is not excluded when commingled with DOTP from sources not subject to this investigation. Commingled refers to the mixing of subject and non-subject DOTP. Only the subject component of such commingled products is covered by the scope of the investigation. DOTP has the general chemical formulation $C_6H_4(C_8H_{17}COO)_2$ and a chemical name of "bis (2-ethylhexyl) terephthalate" and has a Chemical Abstract Service ("CAS") registry number of 6422-86-2. Regardless of the label, all DOTP is covered by this investigation.

Subject merchandise is currently classified under subheading 2917.39.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Subject merchandise may also be imported under subheadings 2917.39.70 or 3812.20.10 of the HTSUS. While the CAS registry number and HTSUS classification are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Reporting of information.-- If information is not readily available from your records, provide carefully prepared estimates. If your firm is completing more than one questionnaire (i.e., a producer, importer, and/or purchaser questionnaire), you need not respond to duplicated questions.

<u>Confidentiality</u>.--The commercial and financial data furnished in response to this questionnaire 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.

<u>Verification</u>.--The information submitted in this questionnaire is subject to audit and verification by the Commission. To facilitate possible verification of data, please keep all files, worksheets, and supporting documents used in the preparation of the questionnaire response. Please also retain a copy of the final document that you submit.

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reducing the burden, and a	egarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for ny suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such se or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW,
by this questionnaire, if diffe	rovide the name and address of your U.S. establishment(s) covered erent from that listed on the cover page. Firms operating more than ombine the data for all establishments into a single report.
	ty of a firm involved in the <u>purchase</u> of DOTP, including auxiliary
·	ction with (whether or not physically separate from) such facilities.
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facilities operated in conjunc	rned, in whole or in part, by any other firm?

Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)

	Related importers/exportersDoes your firm have any related firms, either domestic or or oreign, which import DOTP into the United States or which export DOTP to the United States?				
☐ No	YesList the	following information.			
Firm name		Country	Affiliation		
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No					
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PART II.--PURCHASES

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

Name	
Title	
Email	
Telephone	
Fax	

II-1. <u>Purchases.</u>— Report your firm's total U.S. purchases of DOTP. (Do not include imports for which your firm was the importer of record; such imports should be reported in your U.S. importer's questionnaire.)

	2013	2014	2015		
ltem	Qı	Quantity (in metric tons)			
Purchases of DOTP produced in United States					
Korea					
All other countries ¹					
Sources unknown					
Total purchases	0	0	0		
¹ Please identify these countries:	•				

II-2. <u>Changes in purchasing patterns.</u>--Please indicate how the shares of your firm's purchases of DOTP from different sources have changed since January 1, 2014.

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

	Purchases from one country onlyIf your firm has purchased DOTP from only one coun please explain the reasons for doing so.				
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II-4. <u>Supplier identification.</u>--Please list your firm's <u>FIVE</u> largest suppliers for DOTP since January 1, 2014. Also, provide the share of the quantity of your firm's total purchases of DOTP that each of these suppliers accounted for in 2016.

No.	Supplier's name	City and state	Share of quantity of 2016 purchases
1			%
2			%
3			%
4			%
5			%

PART III.--MARKET CHARACTERISTICS AND PURCHASING PRACTICES

III-1.	Firm typeWhich of the following best describes your firm as a purchaser of DOTP (check al
	that apply)?

Polyvinyl chloride (PVC) product producer	Other end user	Distributor	Other	Describe other

If your firm is a distributor or broker of DOTP, please answer questions III-2 and III-3.

III-2. <u>Competition for sales.</u>--Does your firm compete for sales to customers with the manufacturers or importers from which your firm purchases DOTP?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

III-3.	Types of customers What are the major types of consumers to which your firm sells DO	TP?

If your firm is an end user of DOTP, please answer questions III-4 and III-5.

III-4. <u>End uses.</u>--List the top 3 products your firm makes using DOTP and estimate the percent of your total production cost that is accounted for by DOTP and by other inputs (such as labor, energy, and other raw materials).

	Share of total cost in e		• • • • •	ır	Total (should
Product(s) your firm produces	DOTP		Other inputs		sum to 100.0% across)
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %
	%	+	%	=	0.0 %

III-5. Demand for end use	products
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(a) Has the demand for your firm's final products incorporating DOTP changed since January 1, 2014?

Increased	No change	Decreased	Fluctuated

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

No	Yes	Explain

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III-6. <u>Substitute</u>	es Can	other p	oroducts be	e substitute	ed for DOTP?	
] No	[YesPle	ease fill out	the following	tables.
			specified _I	d use appli product car	n be used as	Describe the limitations of the
Potential Substitu	ite	All	Most	Some	None	specified substitute product
DINP (diisononyl phthalate)						
DOP (dioctyl phthalate						
DPHP (di(2-propylheptyl phthalate)					
Other(s) ¹						
¹ Describe the o	other(s):	•				
			_	the price	of this substit	ute affected the price for DOTP
Potential Substitu	ite	No	Yes			Explain
DINP				_		
DOP DPHP						
Other(s)				+		
States (if k	(nown)	for DO	ΓP has char	nged since J		tates and outside of the United 14. Explain any trends and describe mand.
Market	_	erall rease	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explanation and factors
Within the Unite	ed [
Outside the Unite States	ed [
				our customources of sup	•	fically order DOTP from one country
No	Yes	If yes,	identify th	ne countrie	s and explain	

III-9.	Importance of purchasing domestic productPlease fill out the table below, estimating the
	percentage of your firm's total 2016 purchases of DOTP that required DOTP produced in the
	United States.

	Estimated percentage of your firm's total 2016 purchases of DOTP
Purchases that did not require domestic product	%
Purchases that were required by law or regulation to be domestic product (e.g., government purchases under "Buy American" provisions)	%
Purchases that were not required by law or regulation, but were required by your customers to be domestic product	%
Purchases that were required to be domestic product for other reasons	
(explain:)	%
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. Conditions of competition.--

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

Check a	ill that apply.	Please describe.
	No	Skip to question III-11.
	Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)	
	Yes-Other distinctive conditions of competition	

(b) Have there been any changes in the business cycles or conditions of competition for DOTP since January 1, 2014?

No	Yes	If yes, describe.

III-11.	Decisions based on producer and country-of-originHow often does your firm, and if known,
	do your customers, make purchasing decisions involving DOTP based on its producer or country
	of origin?

	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Never	If at least sometimes, explain.			
	Decision based on producer							
Your firm								
Your customers								
		Decis	ion based on c	ountry of	origin			
Your firm								
Your customers								

III-12. **Availability of supply.--**Has the availability of DOTP in the U.S. market changed since January 1, 2014?

Availability in the U.S. market	No	Yes	Please explain, noting the countries and reasons for the changes.
U.Sproduced product			
Subject imports			
Nonsubject imports			

III-13. <u>Supply constraints.</u>--Has any firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply your firm with DOTP since January 1, 2014 (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-14. **Availability of specific product types.--**Are certain grades/types/sizes of DOTP only available from certain country sources?

No	Yes	If yes, please identify the countries and the grade/type/size.	

III-15.	Purchas	sing freq	uency							
	(a)	How fre	How frequently does your firm make purchases of DOTP (check one)?							
		Daily	Weekly	Monthly	Quarterly	Annually	Other	If other, specify		
	(b)	Has this	nis purchasing frequency changed since January 1, 2014?							
		No	Yes	If yes, please	describe.					
III-16.	. Number of suppliers contactedHow many suppliers does your firm generally contact before making a purchase? Between and firms									
III-17.		r negotia r and pur		Do your firm's	purchases of	DOTP usual	ly involve	negotiations between		
		No	Yes	• •			-	egotiates and note ring negotiations.		
III-18.	<u>Change</u>	in suppl	iersHa	s your firm ch	anged suppli	ers since Jan	uary 1, 20)14?		
		No	Yes	If yes, please dropped, and				rm was added or		
III-19.			-	aware of any e January 1, 20		s, either fore	eign or do	mestic, that have		
	No	Yes	If yes	, please identi	fy the firms.					

III-20.	Supplier qualificationDo you require your suppliers to be or to become certified or qualified
	to sell DOTP to your firm?

If yes, provide the following information.

- The number of days to qualify a new supplier.
- A general description of the certification or qualification process. Also, a brief description of the factors that you consider when qualifying a new supplier (e.g., quality of product, reliability of supplier, etc.).

No	Yes	Number of days	Process and factors

III-21. <u>Failure to certify</u>.--Since January 1, 2014, have any domestic or foreign producers failed in their attempts to certify or qualify their DOTP with your firm or have any producers lost their approved status?

No	If yes, please identify these firms, the countries where they are located, and the reasons why they failed the certification/qualification.

III-22. <u>Major purchasing factors.--</u>Please list, in order of their importance, the main factors your firm considers in deciding from whom to purchase DOTP (examples include availability, extension of credit, contracts, price, quality, range of supplier's product line, traditional supplier, etc.).

1.	
2.	
3.	
Plea	ase list any other factors that are very important in your purchase decisions:

III-24.

III-23. <u>Purchasing factors.</u>—Please rate the importance of the following factors in your firm's purchasing decisions for DOTP.

Factor	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
Availability			
Delivery terms			
Delivery time			
Discounts offered			
Extension of credit			
Minimum quantity requirements			
Packaging			
Price			
Product consistency			
Product range			
Quality meets industry standards			
Quality exceeds industry standards			
Reliability of supply			
Technical support/service			
U.S. transportation costs			

Source	Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely or never	D k	
United States						
Korea						
All other sources:						
				<u></u>		
Always	Usually	Usually Sometimes		Never		
Choice of product no	ot based on priceIf y	ou nurchased	DOTP from o	ne country sou	irce	
although a comparat	ole product was availa easons for doing so (p	ble from anot	her country so			
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Price leadersA price leadersA price either upward or down significant impact on	wnward, that is follow	ed by other fi	rms, or (2) one arily the lowes	e or more firms t-priced suppli	s that ier.	

III-29. Purchasing subject imports rather than domestic products.—

(a) Since January 2014, did your firm purchase imports of DOTP from Korea instead of U.S.-produced DOTP?

Yes	No
(also respond to parts (b) and (c))	(If "No", skip to next question)

(b) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was the imported product priced lower than the domestic product?

Yes	No

(c) If you responded "Yes" to part (a), was price a primary reason for purchasing subject imports rather than domestic product?

Yes	If Yes, estimate the quantity of imports purchased instead of domestic product since January 2014 (in metric tons)	No	If No, please indicate the reason your firm purchased imports instead of domestic product

III-30. U.S. producers and import competition.—

(a) Since January 1, 2014, in connection with a sale or offer to sell DOTP to your firm, did U.S. producers reduce their prices of domestically produced DOTP in order to compete with lower-priced imports of DOTP from the subject countries?

Yes (also respond to question part (b))	No (If "No", skip to next question)	Don't know

(b) If your firm responded "yes", please provide an estimate of the reduction in U.S. producers' prices, and any additional explanations, such as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors.

Estimated reduction in U.S. prices (percent)	Additional explanation, including such information as timing (e.g., months/years), frequency of price reductions, or other market/competitive factors
%	

III-31. DOTP sold in different size containers.—

Does your firm generally purchase DOTP in 20 MT containers (including tank trucks, flexitanks or flexitainers, and/or isotanks) or in bulk (including railcars and bulk liftings)?

20 MT containers	Bulk	Both	Another way
			Describe
• •	• , ,	, ,	e., 20 MT containers or bulk), I purchase DOTP in that

PART IV.—PRODUCT COMPARISONS

IV-1. <u>Country knowledge.--</u>Please indicate the countries of origin for DOTP for which your firm has actual marketing/pricing knowledge.

United States	Korea	Other countries	Other countries (specify)

IV-2. <u>Interchangeability</u>.--Is DOTP 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	Korea	Other countries
United States		
Korea		
	y-pair producing DOTP which is sometime Intry-pair and explain the factors that lin	

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

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

A = such differences are *always* significant

F = such differences are *frequently* significant

S = such differences are *sometimes* significant

N = such differences are *never* significant

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

Country-pair	Korea	Other countries
United States		
Korea		
factor in your fi	y-pair for which factors other than price rm's purchases of DOTP, identify the comparted by such factors:	

IV-4. <u>Factor country comparisons.</u>—For the factors listed below, please rate how DOTP produced in each country you identified in your response to the first question in Part IV compares with DOTP produced in each of the other countries you identified.

If you are unfamiliar with the product from a particular country, please leave the boxes for those country comparisons blank.

	Product from United States compared to product from Korea		Product from United States compared to product from all other sources (i.e. non-U.S., non- Korean)			Product from Korea compared to product from all other sources (i.e. non-U.S., non- Korean)			
Factor	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior	Superior	Comparable	Inferior
Availability									
Delivery terms									
Delivery time									
Discounts offered									
Extension of credit									
Minimum quantity requirements									
Packaging									
Price ¹									
Product consistency									
Product range									
Quality meets industry standards									
Quality exceeds industry standards									
Reliability of supply									
Technical support/service									
U.S. transportation costs ¹									
1 A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower					untres	oporally	ıor		

¹ A rating of superior on price and U.S. transportation costs indicates that the first country generally has lower prices/U.S. transportation costs than the second country.

PART V.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

V-1 .	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to any question that
	did not provide a narrative response box, please note the question number and the explanation
	in the space provided below.

HOW TO FILE YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSE

This questionnaire is available as a "fillable" form in MS Word format on the Commission's website at:

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2016/dioctyl terephthalate dotp korea/final.htm

Please do not attempt to modify the format or permissions of the questionnaire document. Please submit the completed questionnaire 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.

• <u>Upload via Secure Drop Box</u>.—Upload the MS Word questionnaire 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: DOTP

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to john.benedetto@usitc.gov include a scanned copy of the signed certification page (page 1). Submitters are strongly encouraged to encrypt nonpublic documents that are electronically transmitted to the Commission to protect your sensitive information from unauthorized disclosure. The USITC secure drop-box system and the Electronic Document Information System (EDIS) use Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 140-2 cryptographic algorithms to encrypt data in transit. Submitting your nonpublic documents by a means that does not use these encryption algorithms (such as by email) may subject your firm's nonpublic information to unauthorized disclosure during transmission. If you choose a non-encrypted method of electronic transmission, the Commission warns you that the risk of such possible unauthorized disclosure is assumed by you and not by the Commission.

If your firm <u>does not </u>**purchase this product**, please fill out page 1, print, sign, and submit a scanned copy to the Commission.

<u>Parties to this proceeding</u>.—If your firm is a party to this proceeding, it is required to serve a copy of the completed questionnaire on parties to the proceeding that are subject to administrative protective order (see 19 CFR § 207.7). A list of such parties may be obtained from the Commission's Secretary (202-205-1803). A certificate of service must accompany the completed questionnaire your firm submits (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.