U.S. IMPORTERS' QUESTIONNAIRE

BIODIESEL FROM ARGENTINA AND INDONESIA

This questionnaire must be received by the Commission by <u>APRIL 6, 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 countervailing duty and antidumping investigations concerning biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia (Inv. Nos. 701-TA-571-572 and 731-TA-1347-1348 (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)).

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City		State	Zip Co	de	
Website					
Has your firm imported I	oiodiesel (as defined on i	next page) from	any country	at any time since	January 1, 2014?
NO (Sign the o	ertification below and pror	mptly return only	this page of tl	e questionnaire to	the Commission)
YES (Complete	all parts of the questionna	aire, and return the	e entire quest	onnaire to the Con	nmission)
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PART I.—GENERAL INFORMATION

Background. --This proceeding was instituted in response to a petition filed on March 23, 2017, by National Biodiesel Board Fair Trade Coalition (Washington, DC) and its individual members. Countervailing and/or 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 ("Commerce") makes an affirmative determination of subsidization and/or dumping. Questionnaires and other information pertinent to this proceeding are available at

https://www.usitc.gov/investigations/701731/2017/biodiesel argentina and indonesia/preliminary.htm

<u>Biodiesel</u> covered by these investigations is a fuel comprised of monoalkyl esters of long chain fatty acids derived from vegetable oils or animal fats, including waste oils or greases, and other biologically based oil or fat sources. This includes biodiesel in pure form ("B100") as well as fuel mixtures containing at least 99 percent biodiesel by volume ("B99"). For fuel mixtures containing less than 99 percent biodiesel by volume, only the biodiesel component of the mixture is covered by the scope of the petitions.¹

Biodiesel covered by these investigations is currently imported primarily under subheadings 3826.00.10 and 3826.00.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS provisions are for convenience and customs purposes.

<u>Importer</u>.--Any person or firm engaged, either directly or through a parent company or subsidiary, in importing biodiesel (as defined above) into the United States from a foreign manufacturer or through its selling agent.

<u>Reporting of information</u>.-- 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.

¹ Biodiesel is generally produced to American Society for Testing and Materials International ("ASTM") D6751 specifications, but it can also be made to other specifications. Biodiesel commonly has one of the following Chemical Abstracts Service ("CAS") numbers, generally depending upon the feedstock used: 67784-80-9 (soybean oil methyl esters); 91051-34- 2 (palm oil methyl esters); 91051-32-0 (palm kernel oil methyl esters); 73891-99-3 (rapeseed oil methyl esters); 61788-61-2 (tallow methyl esters); 68990-52-3 (vegetable oil methyl esters); 129828-16-6 (canola oil methyl esters); 67762-26-9 (unsaturated alkylcarboxylic acid methyl ester); or 68937-84-8 (fatty acids, Cl2-C18, methyl ester).

<u>Release of information</u>.--The information provided by your firm in response to this questionnaire, 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.

<u>Valid number error messages.</u>--If you are completing this form in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 rather than \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete this form. Detailed instructions on how to resolve this issue is provided at the end of this questionnaire and is available upon request from Calvin Chang, Investigator (202-205-3062, Hangyul.Chang@usitc.gov).

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

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 40 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering data, and completing and reviewing the questionnaire.

We welcome comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate, suggestions for reducing the burden, and any suggestions for improving this questionnaire. Please attach such comments to your response or send to the Office of Investigations, USITC, 500 E St. SW, Washington, DC 20436.

I-2. <u>Establishments covered</u>.—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.

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auxiliary facilities operated in conjunction with (whether or not physically separate from) such
facilities.

"Fstablishment"--Fach facility of a firm involved in the importation of biodiesel, including

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-3.	<u>Ownership</u> Is your firm	owned, in whole or in part, by ar	ny other firm?
	☐ No ☐ YesL	ist the following information	
	Firm name	Address	Extent of ownership (percent)
4.	foreign, that are engaged States or that are engage States? No YesL	d in exporting biodiesel from Arg	entina and Indonesia into the United gentina and Indonesia to the United
	Firm name	Country	Affiliation

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I-8.	FTZ, TIB, or bonded warehouses Please indicate whether your firm enters biodiesel into, or
	withdraws such merchandise from, foreign trade zones or bonded warehouses. Also indicate
	whether your firm imports biodiesel under the TIB (temporary importation under bond)
	program.

"Foreign trade zone" is a designated location in the United States where firms utilize special procedures that allow delayed or reduced customs duty payments on foreign merchandise, as well as other savings. A foreign trade zone must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in the Foreign-Trade Zones Act.

"Bonded warehouse" is a secured facility supervised by U.S. customs, where dutiable landed imports are stored pending their re-export, or release after payment of import duties, taxes, and other charges. A bonded warehouse must be designed as such pursuant to the rules and procedures set forth in 19 U.S.C. § 1555.

"Temporary Importation under Bond ("TIB") program" is a procedure whereby imported merchandise may be entered under certain conditions for a limited time into the United States free of duty. Under the program, an importer posts a bond for twice the amount of duty, taxes, etc. that would otherwise be owed on the importation and agrees to export or destroy the merchandise within a specified time or pay liquidated damages. This program is restricted to certain categories of merchandise listed in subheadings 9813.00.05 through 9813.00.75 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

Item	No	Yes
Foreign trade zones		
Bonded warehouses		
Temporary importation under bond		

I-9. Other trade actions.--To your knowledge, have the products subject to this proceeding been the subject of any other import relief proceedings in the United States or in any other countries?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe.

PART II.--TRADE AND RELATED INFORMATION

Expansions

Acquisitions

Consolidations

Prolonged shutdowns or importation curtailments

Revised labor agreements

Other (e.g., technology)

Further information on this part of the questionnaire can be obtained from Calvin Chang, Investigator

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	<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							
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	Name	<u> </u>						
	Title							
	Email							
	Telep	hone						
	Fax							
II-2.	<u>Changes in operations</u> Please indicate whether your firm has experienced any of the following changes in relation to the importation of biodiesel since January 1, 2014.							
	(che	ck as mar	ny as appropriate)	(If checked, ple	ase describe; leave blank if not applicable)			
		Office/w	varehouse openings					
		Office/w	varehouse closings					
		Relocati	ons					

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			Has your firm importenber 31, 2016?	ed or arranged for th	e importation of biod	diesel for
	_	t merchan	'are imports for which dise, but delivery of th			
	No		Yes–Fill out the table b	pelow.		
			Qua	ntity (in 1,000 gallo	ns)	
	Period	l/Source	Jan-Mar 2017	Apr-Jun 2017	Jul-Sept 2017	Oct-Dec 2017
	Argentina	9				
	Indonesia	1				
	Canada					
	Other sou	ırces				
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	Yes	No	If no, please describe	<u> </u>		
						

II-6a.	B99 blending operationsSince January 1, 2014, has your firm blended its own importation of
	biodiesel with other non-biodiesel fuels to create B99 in the United States?

No	Yes	If yes —Please describe the nature of extent of the following items in relation to just your firm's B99 blending operations only in the United States.		
		Capital investments		
		Technical expertise		
		Value added		
		Employment		
		Quantity, type and source of parts		
		Costs and activities		

II-6b. **B99 blending operations' complexity and importance**.--On a scale of 1 to 5, please provide your firm's subjective opinion as to the complexity, intensity, and importance of B99 blending operations (excluding the tax implications) as they relate to your firm's overall biodiesel operations. 1 being minimally complex, intense or important. 5 being extremely complex, intense, and important.

1: Minimally complex, intense, and important	2	3	4	5: Extremely complex, intense, and important
	Please de	scribe the reason for y	our rating	

II-6c.	All other blending operationsSince January 1, 2014, has your firm blended its own
	importation of biodiesel with other non-biodiesels fuels to create blends below B99 (e.g., B20,
	B5, B2, et cetera)?

No	Yes	If yes, please describe the blends produced

Note.--Use of your firm's imports of biodiesel to create blends below B99 should be reported as an "internal consumption" of the imported biodiesel in the subsequent questions.

II-7. **Quantity measurement in records**.--Does your firm maintain records of your firm's imports and shipments of imports in gallons?

		If no, please indicate the unit(s) of measurements maintained in
		your firm's records AND indicate how you converted your firm's
		records into the requested unit of measurement (i.e., gallons) for
Yes	No	purposes of providing quantity data in this questionnaire

Definitions

"Imports" –Those products identified for Customs purposes as imports for consumption for which your firm was the importer of record (i.e., was responsible for paying any import duty) or consignee (i.e., to which the merchandise was first delivered).

"Import quantities" –Quantities reported should be net of returns.

"Import values" — Values reported should be landed, duty-paid values at the U.S. port of entry, including ocean freight and insurance costs, brokerage charges, and import duties (i.e., all charges except inland freight in the United States).

"U.S. commercial shipments"— Shipments made within the United States as a result of an arm's length commercial transaction in the ordinary course of business. Report net values (i.e., gross sales values less all discounts, allowances, rebates, prepaid freight, and the value of returned goods) in U.S. dollars, f.o.b. your point of shipment.

"Independent RIN sales" – Sales of any renewable identification numbers ("RINS") that were created by your firm's importation of biodiesel (i.e., this should exclude any resales of purchased RINS) that were sold independent of any underlying biodiesel either due to separation or reassignment.

"Internal consumption" – Product consumed internally by your firm. Such transactions are valued at fair market value (less the value that can be measured by the sale of any separated or re-assigned RINs as those are to be reported separately).

"Transfers to related firms" – Shipments made to related domestic firms. Such transactions are valued at fair market value.

"Related firm" —A firm that your firm solely or jointly owns, manages, or otherwise controls.

"Export shipments"— Shipments to destinations outside the United States, including shipments to related firms.

"Inventories" -- Finished goods inventory, not raw materials or work in progress.

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the trade data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the trade data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as production and sales schedules, inventory records, etc.) used to compile these data.

II-8a. <u>U.S. imports from Argentina</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of biodiesel imported from Argentina by your firm during the specified periods.

Argentina

Quantity (<i>in 1,000 gallons</i>) ¹ , value (<i>in \$1,000</i>)				
	Calendar years			
Item	2014	2015	2016	
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)				
Imports: ²³				
Quantity (B)				
Value (C)				
U.S. shipments:				
Commercial shipments:				
B100 sold with RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (D)				
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (E)				
Value (F) including value of RINS				
B100 sold without RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (G)				
Value (H)				
B99 sold with RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (I)				
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (J)				
Value (K) including value of RINS				
B99 sold without RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (L)				
Value (M)				
Independent RIN sales:				
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (N) ⁴				
Value (O)				
Internal consumption:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (P)				
Value⁵ (Q)				
Transfers to related firms:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (R)				
Value ⁵ (S)				
Export shipments: ⁶				
Quantity (T)				
Value (U)				
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (V)				

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II-8a. <u>U.S. imports from Argentina</u>.—*Continued*

Quantity (in 1,000 gallons), value (in \$1,000)				
	Calendar years			
Item	2014	2015	2016	
Channels of distribution:				
Commercial U.S. shipments:				
To petrodiesel producers (W) Quantity				
To independent blenders/ distributors (X)				
Quantity				
To retail locations (Y) Quantity				
To other entities (Z) ⁷ Quantity				
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6 Identify your firm's principal export markets:				
⁷ Please describe the type of firms included in this categ	ory:			

II-8a. <u>U.S. imports from Argentina</u>.—Continued

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line V) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, L, P, R, and T). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years			
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	
A + B - D - G - I - L - P - R - T - V = should equal				
zero ("0") or provide an explanation. ¹	0	0	0	
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate:				

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines W, X, Y, and AA) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, and L) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
W + X + Y + Z - D - G - I - L = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-8b. <u>U.S. imports from Indonesia</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of biodiesel imported from Indonesia by your firm during the specified periods.

Indonesia

Quantity (in 1,000 gallons)¹, value (in \$1,000)				
	Calendar years			
Item	2014	2015	2016	
ginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)				
ports: ²³				
Quantity (B)				
Value (C)				
S. shipments:				
Commercial shipments:				
B100 sold with RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (D)				
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (E)				
Value (F) including value of RINS				
B100 sold without RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (G)				
Value (H)				
B99 sold with RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (I)				
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (J)				
Value (K) including value of RINS				
B99 sold without RINS:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (L)				
Value (M)				
Independent RIN sales:				
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (N) ⁴				
Value (O)				
Internal consumption:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (P)				
Value⁵ (Q)				
Transfers to related firms:				
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (R)				
Value ⁵ (S)				
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port shipments: ⁶ Quantity (T) Value (U) d-of-period inventories (quantity) (V)				

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II-8b. <u>U.S. imports from Indonesia</u>.—Continued

Quantity (in 1,000 gallons), value (in \$1,000)				
	Calendar years			
Item	2014	2015	2016	
Channels of distribution:				
Commercial U.S. shipments:				
To petrodiesel producers (W) Quantity				
To independent blenders/ distributors (X)				
Quantity				
To retail locations (Y) Quantity				
To other entities (Z) ⁷ Quantity				
Quantities reported in 1,000 of gallons should represe blend, the quantities reported should exclude the non-bio degree this represents use of biodiesel to create lower lev operations. Please identify the foreign producers, if known: Please indicate the grade(s) of biodiesel that your firm No. 1-B S500; No. 2-B S15; No. 2-B S100; and/or Please provide the approximate share in 2016 that the from Indonesia that your firm reported as (a) commercial (b) internal consumption of biodiesel by your firm (export shipments (percent). These four shares should be approximated that your firm makes a specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide variable.	diesel material addel blends should reference independent RINUS. shipments of Bercent), (c) transfeuld sum to 100 percent be valued at fair different basis for v	ed to the blend. Intern flect just the biodiesel unesia (check all that appears were derived from 199 or B100 sold without ers to related firms (al consumption to the used in the blending ply) No. 1-B S15; rom imports of biodiesel t RIN (percent), percent), or (d) ue made from in your company, please	
6 Identify your firm's principal export markets:				
⁷ Please describe the type of firms included in this categ	gory:			

II-8b. <u>U.S. imports from Indonesia</u>.—Continued

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line V) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, L, P, R, and T). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years			
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016	
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¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate:				

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines W, X, Y, and AA) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, and L) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
W + X + Y + Z - D - G - I - L = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-9. <u>U.S. imports from Canada</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of biodiesel imported from Canada by your firm during the specified periods.

Canada

Quantity (<i>in 1,000</i> g	gallons)¹, value (in \$	(1,000)	
	Calendar years		
ltem	2014	2015	2016
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ²³			
Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments:			
Commercial shipments:			
B100 sold with RINS:			
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (D)			
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (E)			
Value (F) including value of RINS			
B100 sold without RINS:			
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (G)			
Value (H)			
B99 sold with RINS:			
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (I)			
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (J)			
Value (K) including value of RINS			
B99 sold without RINS:			
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (L)			
Value (M)			
Independent RIN sales:			
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (N) ⁴			
Value (O)			
Internal consumption:			
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (P)			
Value⁵ (Q)			
Transfers to related firms:			
Quantity in 1,000 gallons (R)			
Value ⁵ (S)			
Export shipments: ⁶			
Quantity (T)			
Value (U)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (V)			

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II-9. <u>U.S. imports from Canada</u>.—*Continued*

Quantity (in 1,000 gallons), value (in \$1,000)			
		Calendar years	
Item	2014	2015	2016
Channels of distribution:			
Commercial U.S. shipments:			
To petrodiesel producers (W) Quantity			
To independent blenders/ distributors (X)			
Quantity			
To retail locations (Y) Quantity			
To other entities (Z) ⁷ Quantity			
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6 Identify your firm's principal export markets:			
⁷ Please describe the type of firms included in this categ	gory:		

II-9. **U.S. imports from Canada**.—*Continued*

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line V) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, L, P, R, and T). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
A + B - D - G -I - L - P - R - T - V = should equal			
zero ("0") or provide an explanation.1	0	0	0
¹ Explanation if the calculated fields above are returning values other than zero (i.e., "0") but are nonetheless accurate:			

<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines W, X, Y, and AA) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, and L) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
W + X + Y + Z - D - G - I - L = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

II-10. <u>U.S. imports from all other sources</u>.—Report your firm's imports and your firm's shipments and inventories of biodiesel imported from all other sources by your firm during the specified periods.

All other sources

Quantity (in 1,000 g	gallons) ¹ , value (in \$	51,000)	
	Calendar years		
Item	2014	2015	2016
Beginning-of-period inventories (quantity) (A)			
Imports: ²³			
Quantity (B)			
Value (C)			
U.S. shipments: Commercial shipments: B100 sold with RINS: Quantity in 1,000 gallons (D)			
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (E)			
Value (F) including value of RINS			
B100 sold without RINS: Quantity in 1,000 gallons (G)			
Value (H)			
B99 sold with RINS: Quantity in 1,000 gallons (I)			
Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (J)			
Value (K) including value of RINS			
B99 sold without RINS: Quantity in 1,000 gallons (L)			
Value (M)			
Independent RIN sales: Numbers of RINS in 1,000s (N) ⁴			
Value (O)			
Internal consumption: Quantity in 1,000 gallons (P)			
Value ⁵ (Q)			
Transfers to related firms: Quantity in 1,000 gallons (R)			
Value ⁵ (S)			
Export shipments: ⁶ Quantity (T)			
Value (U)			
End-of-period inventories (quantity) (V)			

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II-10. <u>U.S. imports from all other sources</u>.—*Continued*

Quantity (in 1,000 gallons), value (in \$1,000)			
		Calendar years	
Item	2014	2015	2016
Channels of distribution:			
Commercial U.S. shipments:			
To petrodiesel producers (W) Quantity			
To independent blenders/ distributors (X)			
Quantity			
To retail locations (Y) Quantity			
To other entities (Z) ⁷ Quantity			
Ouantities reported in 1,000 of gallons should represe blend, the quantities reported should exclude the non-biodegree this represents use of biodiesel to create lower level operations. Please identify the foreign producers, if known: Please indicate the grade(s) of biodiesel that your firm S15; No. 1-B S500; No. 2-B S15; No. 2-B S100; are Please provide the approximate share in 2016 that the from all other sources that your firm reported as (a) community percent), (b) internal consumption of biodiesel by your firm or (d) export shipments (percent). These four share Internal consumption and transfers to related firms mindependent RIN sales. In the event that your firm uses a specify that basis (e.g., cost, cost plus, etc.) and provide va	diesel material adde el blends should refl imports from all oth nd/or Other ese independent RIN nercial U.S. shipment m (percent), (all es should sum to 100 ust be valued at fair different basis for va	d to the blend. Internated to the blend. Internated for sources (check all the sales were derived from the sales were derived from the sales with the percent. The percent was a sales withing these sales withing these sales withing these sales withing the sales within the sales withing the sales withing the sales withing the sales withing the sales wit	al consumption to the sed in the blending hat apply): No. 1-B om imports of biodiesel without RIN (percent), ie made from n your company, please

II-10. <u>U.S. imports from all other sources</u>.—*Continued*

<u>RECONCILIATION OF SHIPMENTS, IMPORTS, AND INVENTORIES.</u>--Generally, the data reported for the end-of-period inventories (i.e., line V) should be equal to the beginning-of-period inventories (i.e., line A), plus imports (i.e., line B), less total shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, L, P, R, and T). Please ensure that any differences are not due to data entry errors in completing this form, but rather actually reflect your firm's records; and also provide any likely explanations for any differences (e.g., theft, loss, damage, record systems issues, etc.) if they exist.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
A + B - D - G - I - L - P - R - T - V = should equal			
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<u>RECONCILIATION OF CHANNELS</u>.--Please ensure that the quantities reported for channels of distribution (i.e., lines W, X, Y, and AA) in each time period equal the quantity reported for commercial U.S. shipments (i.e., lines D, G, I, and L) in each time period. If the calculated fields below return values other than zero (i.e., "0"), the data reported must be revised prior to submission to the Commission.

	Calendar years		
Reconciliation	2014	2015	2016
W + X + Y + Z - D - G - I - L = zero ("0"), if not			
revise.	0	0	0

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II-11.	Obligated partiesSince January 1, 2014, was your firm at any time an obligated party (i.e., a
	refiner and/or importer of gasoline or diesel) under the U.S. Renewable Fuel Standard Program?

No	If yes—Please describe what operations lead your firm to be designated an obligated party AND provide data on the value of RINS your firm retired in each calendar year.

		Calendar years	
Item	2014	2015	2016
RINS retired from own production: Quantity (number of RINS in 1,000s)			
RINS retired from own importation: Quantity (number of RINS in 1,000s)			
RINS retired from purchases of RINS with biofuel: Quantity (number of RINS in 1,000s)			
RINS retired from purchases of RINS sold independently of biofuel: Quantity (number of RINS in 1,000s)			
Value (\$1,000s)			

II-12.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part II 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.

PART III.--PRICING AND MARKET FACTORS

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. This question requests quarterly quantity and value data for your firm's <u>commercial shipments</u> <u>to unrelated U.S. customers</u> since January 1, 2014 of the following products your firm imported from Argentina, Indonesia, and Canada:

<u>Product 1</u>.--B100 (pure biodiesel), including RIN value when sold as 1.5 RINs per gallon.

<u>Product 2</u>.--B99 (biodiesel blend containing 99.0% - 99.9% biodiesel), including RIN value when sold as 1.5 RINs per gallon.

Product 3.--B99 (biodiesel blend containing 99.0% - 99.9% biodiesel), sold without RINs

Please note that values should be <u>f.o.b.</u>, <u>U.S.</u> <u>point of shipment</u> and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the *final net* amount paid to your firm (i.e., should be net of all deductions for discounts or rebates).

During January 2014-December 2016, did your firm import from Argentina, Indonesia, and/or Canada and sell to unrelated U.S. customers any of the above listed products (or any products that were competitive with these products)?

YesPlease complete the following pricing data table(s) as appropriate.
NoSkip to question III-2e.

III-2a. **Price data**.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Argentina and sold by your firm. If your firm <u>also</u> imports pricing product 1 (B100) from Argentina for internal blending, please report purchase cost data in question III-2f.

Argentina

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

(Quantity <i>in gallons,</i> value <i>in dollars</i>) ³						
	Prod	luct 1	Product 2		Product 3	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
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 firm's U.S. point of shipment. ² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III. ³ If your establishment usually maintains import and other records in terms of short tons or metric tons, please identify the conversion factor used to convert the data into gallons:						
Note -If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.						
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

III-2b. **Price data**.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Indonesia and sold by your firm. If your firm<u>also</u> imports pricing product 1 (B100) from Indonesia for internal blending, please report purchase cost data in question III-2g.

Indonesia

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

(Quantity <i>in gallons,</i> value <i>in dollars</i>) ³						
	Prod	luct 1	Product 2		Product 3	
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2015:						
January-March						
April-June						
July-September						
October-December						
2016:						
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 firm's U.S. point of shipment. 2 Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III. 3 If your establishment usually maintains import and other records in terms of short tons or metric tons, please identify the conversion factor used to convert the data into gallons:						
Note -If your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.						
Product 1:						
Product 2:						
Product 3:						

III-2c. <u>Price data</u>.--Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Canada and sold by your firm. If your firm <u>also</u> imports pricing product 1 (B100) from Canada for internal blending, please report purchase cost data in question III-2h.

Canada

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

report data in actual guilons and actual dollars (not 1,000s).							
	(Quantity <i>in gallons,</i> value <i>in dollars</i>) ³						
		Prod	uct 1	Product 2 Product 3			uct 3
Period of sl	nipment	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
2014:							1
January-M	arch						l
April-June							l
July-Septe	mber						ı
October-D	ecember						
2015: January-M April-June	arch						
· ·	mhor						<u> </u>
July-Septe October-D							<u> </u>
	ecember						
2016: January-M	arch						l
April-June							
July-Septe	mher						
October-D							
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 firm's U.S. point of shipment. ² Pricing product definitions are provided on the first page of Part III. ³ If your establishment usually maintains import and other records in terms of short tons or metric tons, please identify the conversion factor used to convert the data into gallons: NoteIf your firm's product does not exactly meet the product specifications but is competitive with the specified product, provide a description of your firm's product. Also, please explain any anomalies in your firm's reported pricing data. Product 1: Product 2: Product 3:							
	III-2d. Pricing data methodologyPlease describe the method and the kinds of documents/records that were used to compile your price data.						

Note: As requested in Part I of this questionnaire, please keep all supporting documents/records used in the preparation of the price data, as Commission staff may contact your firm regarding questions on the price data. The Commission may also request that your company submit copies of the supporting documents/records (such as sales journal, invoices, etc.) used to compile these data.

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III-2e.	Imports for own use. –During January 2014-December 2016, did your firm import product 1 from Argentina, Indonesia, and/or Canada for your firm's own use.					
		YesPlease complete the following pricing data table(s) as appropriate.				
	NoSkip to question III-3.					

Please note that values should be landed duty-paid and should not include U.S.-inland transportation costs. Values should reflect the final net amount paid by your firm (i.e., should be net of all returns, discounts, allowances, and rebates).

III-2f. <u>Imports for own use.</u>--Report below the quarterly import data¹ for pricing products² imported from Argentina and used by your own firm. These are imports that your firm does not resell as biodiesel.

Argentina

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

Product 1:

	(Quantity in gallons, valu	ie in dollars)°			
Product 1					
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value			
2014:					
January-March					
April-June					
July-September					
October-December					
2015:					
January-March					
April-June					
July-September					
October-December					
2016:					
January-March					
April-June					
July-September					
October-December					
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		cations but is competitive with the specified product, nomalies in your firm's reported pricing data.			

III-2g. Imports for own use.--Report below the quarterly import data¹ for pricing products² imported from Indonesia and used by your own firm. These are imports that your firm does not resell as biodiesel.

Indonesia

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

	(Quantity in gallons, value	in dollars) ³					
	Product 1						
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value					
2014:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2015:							
January-March							
April-June							
July-September							
October-December							
2016:							
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•	does not exactly meet the product specificat firm's product. Also, please explain any and	tions but is competitive with the specified product, omalies in your firm's reported pricing data.					
Product 1:							

III-2h. Imports for own use.—Report below the quarterly price data¹ for pricing products² imported from Canada and used by your own firm. These are imports that your firm does not resell as biodiesel.

Canada

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

	(Quantity in gallons, value	in dollars) ³		
	Product 1			
Period of shipment	Quantity	Value		
2014:				
January-March				
April-June				
July-September				
October-December				
2015:				
January-March				
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III-2i. Additional costs for your direct imports of biodiesel for your firm's production of downstream products.

(i) If your firm reported direct import costs above (question III-2f, 2g, and/or 2h), please identify the factors that add to your cost of importing directly since January 1, 2014, estimate the share of the cost of the landed duty paid value, and explain the specific costs associated with each category.

Factors	Estimated share of landed duty paid value	Explanation
Logistical or supply chain costs		
Warehousing costs		
Currency conversion costs		
Other		

(ii)	To which source does your firm compare costs in determining your additional transaction costs
	to directly import?

U.S. importers	U.S. producers	Both	Neither	

	A) If your firm reported data above (question III-2f, 2g, and/or 2h), briefly identify the benefit of directly importing biodiesel instead of purchasing biodiesel from a U.S. importer or from U.S. producer.				
	<u>'</u>				
_	(B) Please provide the estimated margin saved by having directly imported biodiesel instead of purchasing from a U.S. importer percent of landed duty-paid value.				
	(C) Explain any variation in the margin saved since January 1, 2014.				

(iv) What is the approximate percentage of the total cost of biodiesel you directly imported from Argentina, Indonesia, and Canada that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation or other logistics costs from the port of importation to your distribution network or retail store?

Country	Percent
Argentina	%
Indonesia	%
Canada	%

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III-3.	<u>Price setting.</u> How does your firm determine the prices that it charges for sales of biodiesel
	(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	Based on published price index	Other	If other, describe

III-4. <u>Discount policy</u>.--Please indicate and describe your firm's discount policies (*check all that apply*).

Quantity discounts	Annual total volume discounts	No discount policy	Other	Describe

III-5. **Pricing terms.--**

(a) What are your firm's typical sales terms for biodiesel imported from Argentina and Indonesia?

Net 30 days	Net 60 days	2/10 net 30 days	Other	Other (specify)

(b) On what basis are your firm's prices of imported biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia usually quoted *(check one)*?

Delivered	F.o.b.	If f.o.b., specify point

III-6. <u>Contract versus spot.</u>--Approximately what share of your firm's sales of biodiesel imported from Argentina and Indonesia in 2016 was on a (1) long-term contract basis, (2) annual contract basis, (3) short-term contract basis, and (4) spot sales basis?

	Type of sale						
	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Spot sales (for a single delivery)	Total (shoul sum to 100.0%	d o	
Share of 2016 sales	%	%	%	%	0.0	%	

III-7. <u>Contract provisions.--</u>Please fill out the table regarding your firm's typical sales contracts for biodiesel from Argentina and Indonesia (or check "not applicable" if your firm does not sell on a long-term, short-term and/or annual contract basis).

Typical sales contract provisions		Short-term contracts (multiple deliveries for less than 12 months)	Annual contracts (multiple deliveries for 12 months)	Long-term contracts (multiple deliveries for more than 12 months)
Average contract duration	No. of days		365	
Prices set on the	Yes			
basis of a published price index ¹	No			
Price renegotiation	Yes			
(during contract period)	No			
	Quantity			
Fixed quantity and/or price	Price			
ana, or price	Both			
Meet or release	Yes			
provision	No			
Not applicable				
¹ List publish price inde	ex:			

III-8. <u>Lead times.--</u>What is your firm's share of sales of biodiesel imported from Argentina and Indonesia 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 biodiesel?

Source	Share of 2016 sales	Lead time (average number of days)
From your firm's U.S. inventory	%	
From foreign manufacturers' inventory	%	
Produced to order	%	
Total (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %	

_ percent.

III-9.	Shipp	ing information.—
	(a)	What is the approximate percentage of the total delivered cost of biodiesel imported

(b) Who generally arranges the transportation to your firm's customers' locations?

Your firm Purchaser (check one)

(c) When your firm sells biodiesel imported from Argentina and Indonesia, from where is it shipped?

from Argentina and Indonesia that is accounted for by U.S. inland transportation costs?

Point of importation Storage facility (check one)

(d) Indicate the approximate percentage of your firm's sales of biodiesel imported from Argentina and Indonesia that are delivered the following distances from your firm's U.S. point of 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 (should sum to 100.0%)	0.0 %

III-10. <u>Geographical shipments.</u>--In which U.S. geographic market area(s) has your firm sold biodiesel imported from subject countries since January 1, 2014 (check all that apply)?

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

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

	Share of total cost of en accounted for	Total	
End use product	Biodiesel	Other inputs	(should sum to 100.0% across)
On-road transportation fuel	%	%	0.0 %
Off-road transportation fuel	%	%	0.0 %
Heating oil	%	%	0.0 %
Other:	%	%	0.0 %

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2.								
3.								
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III-14.	<u>Product changes.</u> Have there been any significant changes in the product range, product marketing of biodiesel since January 1, 2014?									
	No	Yes								
III-15.	(a) Is the	Conditions of competition.— (a) Is the biodiesel market subject to business cycles (other than general economy-wide conditions) and/or other conditions of competition distinctive to biodiesel?								
	Check all	that appl	у.		Please de	escribe.				
		□ No				uestion III-16.				
		Yes-Business cycles (e.g. seasonal business)								
		Yes-Federal tax credits								
		Yes-St	tate tax credits							
			ther distinctive tions of competi	tion						
			re been any chan January 1, 2014?	_	the busin	ness cycles or conditions of competition for				
		Iten	n	No	Yes	If yes, describe.				
	Business	Business cycles								
	Federal ta	Federal tax credits								
	State tax	State tax credits or programs								
	Other dis	tinctive co	onditions of		\top					

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III-16.	Supply constraints. Has your firm refused, declined, or been unable to supply biodiesel 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-17. Raw materials.--How have biodiesel raw material prices changed since January 1, 2014?

Overall increase	No change	Overall decrease	Fluctuate with no clear trend	Explain, noting how raw material price changes have affected your firm's selling prices for biodiesel.

III-18. <u>Interchangeability</u>.--Is biodiesel 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	Argentina	Indonesia	Canada	Other countries	
United States					
Argentina					
Indonesia					
Canada					
For any country-pair producing biodiesel that is <i>sometimes</i> or <i>never</i> interchangeable, identify					

For any country-pair producing biodiesel that is sometimes or never interchangeable, identify the country-pair and explain the factors that limit or preclude interchangeable use:

III-19. <u>Factors other than price</u>.--Are differences other than price (*e.g.*, quality, availability, transportation network, product range, technical support, *etc.*) between biodiesel 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	Argentina	Indonesia	Canada	Other countries
United States				
Argentina				
Indonesia				
Canada				

For any country-pair for which factors other than price *always* or *frequently* are a significant factor in your firm's sales of biodiesel, identify the country-pair and report the advantages or disadvantages imparted by such factors:

III-20. <u>Customer identification</u>.--List the names and contact information for your firm's 10 largest U.S. customers for biodiesel since January 1, 2014. Indicate the share of the quantity of your firm's total shipments of biodiesel that each of these customers accounted for in 2016.

Customer's name		Contact person	Email	Telephone	City	State	Share of 2016 sales (%)
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							

III-21.	Other explanationsIf your firm would like to further explain a response to a question in Part III 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.

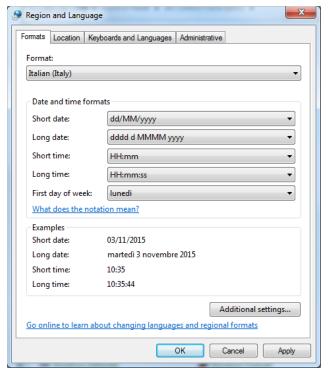
Correcting Valid number error messages.—If you are completing a Commission questionnaire in a country that uses periods (".") to delineate multiples of 1000 (e.g., one million would appear as \$1.000.000 instead of as \$1,000,000), you may be unable to enter in numbers greater than 999 in numeric form fields. This issues stem from your computer number formatting setting (e.g., not the MS Word document itself, but the computer from which you are opening up the document). In the United States commas (,) delineate multiples of 1000 and periods (.) delineate fractions less than one. Many EU countries use the reverse where multiples of 1000 are delineated with periods (.) and fractions less than one are delineated with commas (,). The US International Trade Commission's questionnaires are set-up in the United States with the U.S. number formatting. When this formatting interacts with a computer set to EU number formatting, we believe this may cause this issue.

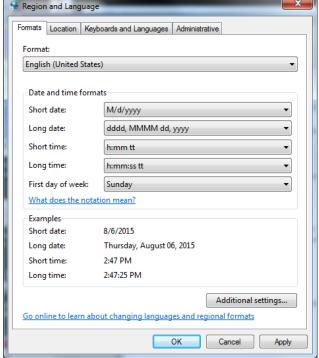
The solution to this data entry issue is to temporarily change your operating system's number formatting to be consistent with the U.S. number formatting system while you complete the questionnaire.

To temporarily change your computer's number settings to U.S. settings, please do the following (for Microsoft Windows Operating system):

- START
- Control Panel
- Region and Language (under Clock, Language, and Region category)
- Format tab
- Change the Format from your existing one (e.g. "Italian (Italy)") to "English (United States)" (see screen shots below)

When you do this the number "twelve million dollars and thirty five cents" would change from \$12.000.000,35 (Italy format) to \$12,000,000.35 (U.S. format), and then there will be no conflict with the questionnaire. When you finish reporting the data then you can close the questionnaire and switch back to Italy settings.





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/701731/2017/biodiesel argentina and indonesia/preliminary.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: BIOD

• E-mail.—E-mail the MS Word questionnaire to Hangyul.Chang@usitc.gov and nathanael.comly@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 dropbox 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 did not import 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 you submit (see 19 CFR § 207.7). Service of the questionnaire must be made in paper form.